



Finding who we should be

**THE CHURCH ON THE MOVE**  
*Study Discussions for Acts 8-11*

**SOUTH LANSING CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
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**ACTS 8 - HOMEWORK  
WEEK 1 - 02.28.10**

***SERMON NOTES***



## **GETTING STARTED**

What was your first car? When did you get it?

How many people did show it to when you got it?

How proud were you of it even if it was something like a powder blue 1986 Ford Escort?

What did you do to make it even more yours? Fuzzy dice on the rear view mirror? A good wash and wax to make it sparkle? New tires?

When we get something new, it excites us and holds our attention. We want to share it with others. This is what we see happening with the “good news” of Jesus in Acts 8.

## ***DIVING DEEPER***

What insight, principle, or observation from this week's message did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Please explain.

Please read Acts 8:1-8

What do we see going on here with the church?

Who is Philip? Where do we meet him earlier?

What do we see him doing? How does that contrast with Saul's persecution of the church?

Now read Acts 8:9-25.

Who is this Simon character? Do you think he is a sham? Who might we compare him to today?

What does he do when he hears of the "good news" of Jesus?

What do you think his intentions were when he wanted to pay for the ability to give the Holy Spirit?

Finally, read Acts 8:26-40

How important is the eunuch that Philip encounters?

What do you think the significance is that he is from Africa, yet seeking out faith in God?

What is the eunuch's response when he hears the "good news" of Jesus?

### ***PUTTING IT INTO ACTION***

How do you think we would react if a persecution like the one in Acts 8 broke out here?

Would you be as vigilant as Philip is to continue to share the “good news” in the face of persecution?

How are you listening to God’s voice in who you need to show God’s love to and share the “good news” of Jesus?

How can you have more joy and excitement as you share the “good news”?

What do we need to do to be ***The Church On the Move***?

## ***PRAYER REQUESTS***

### ***ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THIS WEEK***

Please take a moment to talk about the Haiti collection we are doing here at South. Please consider donating more supplies for Northwest Haiti Christian Mission. You can also help by signing up for a time slot or two at the Welcome Center.

Easter is only about a month away. Begin to pray about who you can invite to come and worship with us. We'll be having breakfast again this year, beginning at 8:30am. Plan to come and share with us!

Have you signed up to help set up chairs for worship? If you haven't connect with Melissa in the church office to schedule your weekend! ([melissa@seekstudyserve.org](mailto:melissa@seekstudyserve.org) or 517-394-3220)

**ACTS 9 - HOMEWORK**  
**WEEK 2 - 03.07.10**

***SERMON NOTES***



## **GETTING STARTED**

Tell us about a time you made a change in your life.

What caused you to make the change?

How did you make the change? Was it easy or hard?

How has your life been different since then?

This week we will be looking at God interacting with Paul-- setting him on a different course for his life--for the glory of the kingdom of God.

## ***DIVING DEEPER***

What insight, principle, or observation from this week's message did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Please explain.

Take a moment and read Acts 9:1-9

What do you think Luke means by "the Way" in verse 2?

How does Jesus get Saul's attention?

What do you think Saul thought about while he was blind for those three days?

Now read Acts 9:10-19.

What do you think if you are Ananias and God is calling you to visit the biggest persecutor of the Way?

What is God's response to Ananias in verses 15 and 16?

What do you think of the irony in verse 16?

How did Paul respond? How is this similar to what we saw in Acts 8?

Now read Acts 9:20-31.

How does the church react to hearing Saul preaching the “good news”?

What is the response of the Jews?

What do you think the Christians thought as they saved Saul from the Jews in verses 25 and 30?

## ***PUTTING IT INTO ACTION***

How does this passage challenge us? How should we be seeing those around us who persecute us?

Who are specific people you could pray for and interact with who are antagonistic to the church?

What are some specific things you are going to do this week to connect with them and show them love?

What do we need to do to be ***The Church On the Move***?

***PRAYER REQUESTS***

Take time in your study group to pray for the specific people you listed on page 16.

***ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THIS WEEK***

Please revisit the announcements on page 9. Help us bless Haiti by volunteering your time and using what God has blessed you with!

**ACTS 10 - HOMEWORK**  
**WEEK 3 - 03.14.10**

***SERMON NOTES***



## **GETTING STARTED**

Who was the odd kid in your high school?

How did you and your friends treat them?

What made them odd?

How did the mistreatment they received effect them?

This week we are looking at how God helps Peter to see the bigger picture of his Kingdom and his inclusion of the Gentiles.

## ***DIVING DEEPER***

What insight, principle, or observation from this week's message did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Please explain.

Take a moment and read Acts 10:1-8.

How do you think Cornelius has connected to God prior to his encounter with Peter?

What things in his life does God point out as good?

Now read Acts 10:9-23.

What are you thinking if you are Peter and God is telling you to eat things that you've seen as untouchable for your whole life?

What is the symbolism that God is wanting Peter to get in verse 15? How many times does he show Peter?

What do you think Peter is thinking when the three men show up at Simon the Tanner's house?

Off Peter goes to Cornelius' house!

Finally, read Acts 19:23-48.

How does Peter react to the room full of Gentiles?

What does he then do in 34 to 43?

What is God's reaction? How did they, the Gentiles, respond to the "good news"?

***PUTTING IT INTO ACTION***

How does this passage change how we see people around us?

How have you done with connecting to the people on your list from last week?

Who are others that you can connect with and share the “good news” and show God’s love to?

What specifically are you going to do about it in the next week?

What do we need to do to be ***The Church On the Move***?

***PRAYER REQUESTS***

Take time during your group to pray for those on your new list.

***ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THIS WEEK***

Easter is only a few weeks away. Maybe you should invite some of the people you have listed out. Invite them to our Easter Breakfast at 8:30AM and worship at 10:00AM.

**ACTS 11 - HOMEWORK**  
**WEEK 4 - 03.21.10**

***SERMON NOTES***



## **GETTING STARTED**

Have you ever gotten in trouble for something you didn't do?  
What was it?

Were you able to explain your way out of it?

How did the person who accused you of doing something wrong  
react once you explained yourself?

This week we will be looking at some trouble the God got Peter  
in by sending him to the Gentiles and how he, Peter, helps  
those accusing him to see the new things that God is doing.

## ***DIVING DEEPER***

What insight, principle, or observation from this week's message did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Please explain.

Please read Acts 11:1-18.

What do you think Peter was thinking when the circumcised believers were criticizing him?

How does he answer them?

What role does the Holy Spirit play in all of it?

What is the response of those who were critical?

Now read Acts 11:19-30.

What do we see the "good news" doing in Antioch?

Just as we saw in chapter 8, the apostles send someone to Antioch to affirm what was going on and to encourage them. God continued to bless them!

Do you think there is any significance to the people being called Christians first in Antioch?

### ***PUTTING IT INTO ACTION***

How have you been doing with your list of people over the last few weeks?

How have the people you are reaching out to responding?

What are specific things you need to do this week to continue to reach out and share the “good news”?

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***PRAYER REQUESTS***

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