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GROWING



SENDING

## Acts 8



# 1. Uncompromising Commitment

- the apostles
  - ↳ remained committed to place (Jerusalem) & person (Jesus)



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The Seat of  
Moses



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    - ✓ what of the temple?

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## 2. Prophetic Expectation

- Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria & ends of the earth (Acts 1:8)
  - ↳ cf. Ezekiel 37

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- Acts 1:8 points to a united Israel
- Acts 2:9-11 points to Jews drawn from every nation
- Acts 2:36 points back to Eze. 37:11
- Acts 8:1 points back to Acts 1:8
- Acts 8:14 (+ vv. 6,8,25) points to wide spread belief in Samaria (north)

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## 2. Prophetic Expectation

The spread of the gospel is the continuing fulfillment of God's promises.

I am part of the prophetic expectation in Scripture.

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# 3. Genuine Conversion

## Samaritans

- believed the truth
- received the Spirit

## Simon

- amazed at signs & wonders
- wanted power over the Spirit
- does not repent for himself

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You can believe without being saved.

Belief that saves is accompanied by  
repentance.

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