

lifeLines Guide
CLEARLY CONNECTING
Expanding: Mission

WORD

(You are welcome to gather in groups of 3 or 4 for all or part of this discussion.)

Read Acts 8:4-8

What takes place before these verses. (See Acts 7:54-8:3)

What happens as a result? (Acts 8:4) And what is another result? (Acts 8:8)

Read the same passage below from the Message (Acts 8:3-8)

“And Saul just went wild, devastating the church, entering house after house after house, dragging men and women off to jail. Forced to leave home base, the followers of Jesus all became missionaries. Wherever they were scattered, they preached the Message about Jesus. Going down to a Samaritan city, Philip proclaimed the Message of the Messiah. When the people heard what he had to say and saw the miracles, the clear signs of God’s action, they hung on his every word. Many who could neither stand nor walk were healed that day. The evil spirits protested loudly as they were sent on their way. And what joy in the city!”

In some ways we have been forced to “leave home base” since March because of Covid-19. We as followers of Jesus are missionaries. How does that make you feel? How are you responding to being scattered? What is God asking you to do?

PRAY

Thank God that he has asked us as his followers to be on mission, to be his missionaries. Pray that we would be united in our mission. Pray that we would have urgency to spread the Gospel, to share God’s story. Pray that there would be joy in our city.

LOVE

Who is God calling you to reach out to? What one practical way will you show God’s love to that person this week? Share it with the group and hold one another accountable to follow through.

