



SESSION TWO

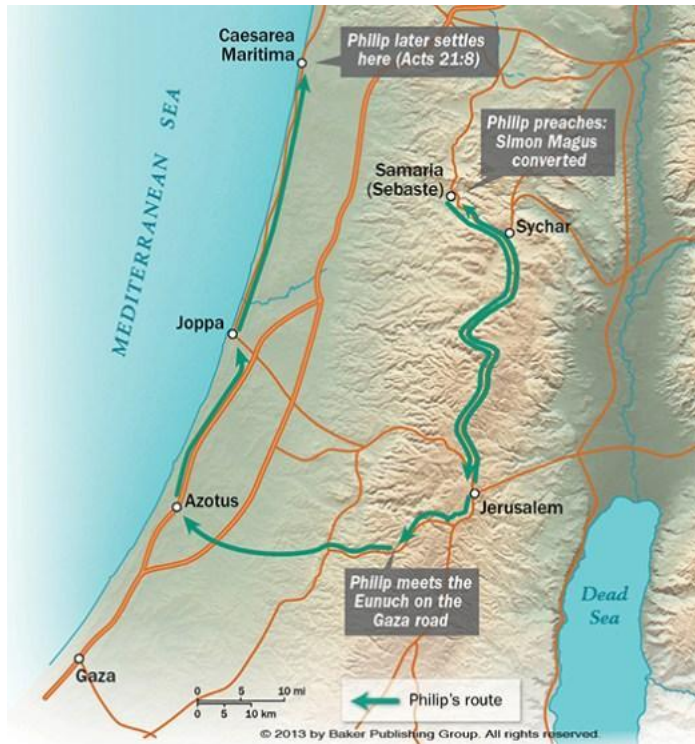
Acts 4:32-35 (NRSVUE): *Now the whole group of those who believed were of **one heart and soul**, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³ With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴ There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵ They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.*

Character Chart

Person	Who are they?	What do they do?	What do we learn?
Peter	Apostle	Leads and preaches	Courage
Stephen	Church leader	Serves and witnesses	Faithfulness
Philip	Church leader/evangelist	Meets the Ethiopian	Openness
Ethiopian	Royal official	Seeks God and receives baptism	Receptivity
Saul	Pharisee/persecutor	Encounters Christ	Transformation
Ananias	Disciple in Damascus	Welcomes Saul	Courageous obedience

Movements of the Spirit

Story	Acts	What happens?	What does the Spirit do?
The Early Church	Acts 3–5	Believers share, worship, serve, and face opposition	Unites
Stephen	Acts 6–7	Stephen witnesses boldly and is killed	Empowers
Philip & the Ethiopian	Acts 8	Philip crosses cultural and religious boundaries	Sends
Saul & Ananias	Acts 9	An enemy becomes a disciple	Transforms



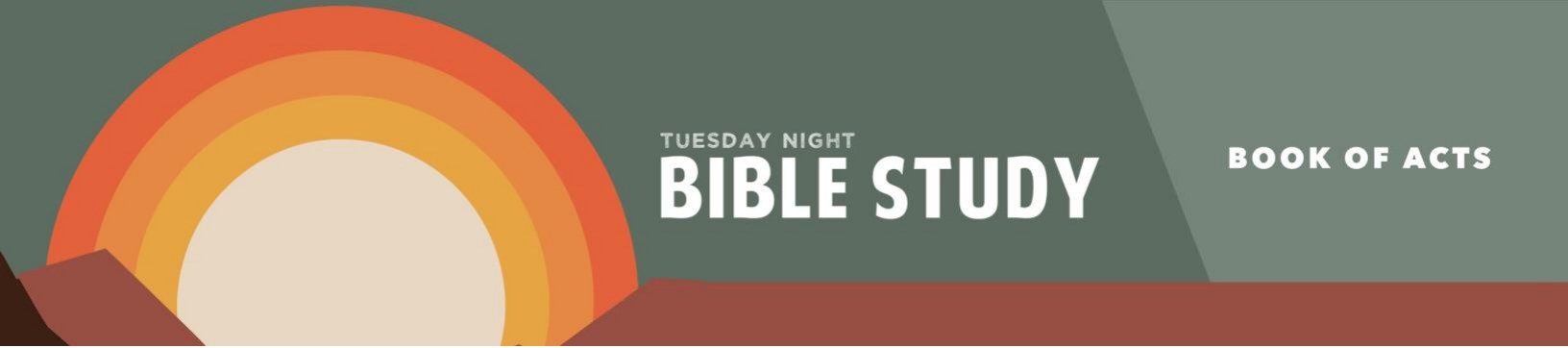
Map of Philip's Movements

Watch for the Holy Spirit

- Acts 4:31 — The believers are filled with the Holy Spirit and speak boldly.
- Acts 5:32 — The apostles identify the Holy Spirit as God's witness.
- Acts 6:3 — Stephen is described as full of the Spirit.
- Acts 7:55 — Stephen is filled with the Holy Spirit as he faces death.
- Acts 8:29 — The Spirit directs Philip toward the Ethiopian.
- Acts 8:39 — The Spirit carries Philip away.
- Acts 9:17 — Saul is filled with the Holy Spirit.

Map of Paul's Movements





Discussion Questions

1. Have you ever visited a church that did something completely different from what you were used to?
2. What quality of the early church stands out to you the most, and what would it look like for our church to practice that more intentionally?
3. What do you think is Ananias and Sapphira's mistake in this story? Is their mistake not giving all of the proceeds, or is it lying about their offering?
4. If you could describe Stephen's faith in one word, what would it be? What makes you choose that word?
5. Philip never asks whether the Ethiopian is worthy. He simply asks how he can help him follow Jesus. What barriers do people still experience today when trying to come to Christ, and how can the church remove those barriers?
6. Looking at these four stories—the early church, Stephen, Philip, and Saul—which person do you identify with the most today, and why?
7. Where do you sense God stretching you right now: to serve, to speak courageously, to welcome someone different, or to believe God can change someone you never expected?
8. What is one step of faith the Holy Spirit may be inviting you to take this week?