

**Scattered
Acts 8:1b-25**

1. F_____ **Change**

2. F_____ **Purpose**

God uses undesirable _____ in the life of his church to advance his _____ in the world.

3. F_____ **Response**

4. F_____ **Result**

Response:

- Trust Jesus as your Savior and Lord and discover love and purpose
- Focus your energy on sharing God's love with your words and actions during these tumultuous times (seize the opportunities that adversity has afforded us to share the good news in words and actions)

Discussion question for families or home groups:

HEAD

1. What were the events that led the church in Jerusalem to be scattered?
2. Why do you think that God allowed the church to experience the kind of persecution that would displace them from their hometown?

HEART

1. How do you think the early church felt when the persecution became so intense that they were forced to pack their belongings and leave their homes behind?
2. What kind of emotions do you see people experiencing during this pandemic, hurricane and times of racial and political tension?
3. How does the story of the early church being scattered speak to our appropriate attitude and response to adversity as the people of God?

HANDS

1. What opportunities have the current challenges we are living afforded you to share God's love with others?
2. How should our witness on social media reflect the love of God for others whether they are like us (Judea) or on the opposite side (Samaria)?
3. How will I use my home and my technology to be a witness of Christ?