

## Fanning the flame I can't stop talking – part 3 jaco van rooyen

But the believers who were scattered preached the Good News about Jesus wherever they went. <sup>5</sup> Philip, for example, went to the city of Samaria and told the people there about the Messiah. <sup>6</sup> Crowds listened intently to Philip because they were eager to hear his message and see the miraculous signs he did. Acts 8:4-17

<sup>7</sup> Many evil spirits were cast out, screaming as they left their victims. And many who had been paralyzed or lame were healed. <sup>8</sup> So there was great joy in that city. A man named Simon had been a sorcerer there for many years, amazing the people of Samaria and claiming to be someone great. Acts 8:4-17

<sup>10</sup> Everyone, from the least to the greatest, often spoke of him as "the Great One—the Power of God." <sup>11</sup> They listened closely to him because for a long time he had astounded them with his magic. Acts 8:4-17 <sup>12</sup> But now the people believed Philip's message of Good News concerning the Kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ. As a result, many men and women were baptized. <sup>13</sup> Then Simon himself believed and was baptized. He began following Philip wherever he went, and he was amazed by the signs and great miracles Philip performed. Acts 8:4-17

<sup>14</sup> When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that the people of Samaria had <u>accepted God's</u> <u>message</u>, they sent Peter and John there. <sup>15</sup> As soon as they arrived, they <u>prayed</u> for these new believers to <u>receive the Holy Spirit</u>. Acts 8:4-17 <sup>16</sup> The Holy Spirit had <u>not yet come</u> upon any of them, for they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. <sup>17</sup> Then Peter and John laid their hands upon these believers, and they <u>received the Holy Spirit</u> Acts 8:4-17 <sup>4</sup> Once when he was eating with them, he commanded them, "Do not leave Jerusalem until the Father sends you the gift he promised, as I told you before. <sup>5</sup> John baptized with water, but in just a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." Acts 1:4-5

<sup>33</sup> Now he is exalted to the place of highest honor in heaven, at God's right hand. And the Father, as he had promised, gave him the Holy Spirit to pour out upon us, just as you see and hear today. Acts 2:33 <sup>38</sup> Peter replied, "Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> This promise is to you, to your children, and to those far away-all who have been called by the Lord our God." Acts 2: 38-39

## The BIG Challenge

Where did He ask you the past week to build His kingdom beyond the borders of your family and what was your response?