Oxford Baptist Church – July 24, 2022 – Jayson Nugteren Acts – Persecution with Ministry Progressing - Acts 8:1-25

1. The Church Scatters I v1-3

- Saul was ravaging the Church (Acts 26:9-11)
- Acts 1:8 Witnesses to Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria...

2. The Church Expands I v4-8

- Philip shares the Gospel in Samaria
- Samaritans (Luke 10:25-37, John 4:1-42)
- Signs and wonders

3. Simon is Amazed I v9-13

- Simon the magician
- Simon is "amazed" by what God was doing

4. The Church Receives the Spirit I v14-17

- Peter and John come from Jerusalem
- Samaritan believers receive the Holy Spirit

5. Simon is Rebuked I v18-25

- Peter Simon wants to buy the ability to give the Holy Spirit
- Peter strongly rebukes him
- The Parable of the Soils (Luke 8:4-7, 11-15)
- Simon is urged to repent

Application

- Am I pointing others to God?
- Am I focussed on the finger, or seeing the Father?