

## Share Jesus' Overcoming Reality

New Life- Reaching Out #1

<sup>58</sup> They dragged Stephen out of the city and began to stone him.  
The witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul.  
<sup>59</sup> While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, "**Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.**" <sup>60</sup> Then he fell on his knees and cried out, "**Lord, do not hold this sin against them.**" When he had said this, he fell asleep.  
<sup>1</sup> And **Saul** approved of their killing him... **Acts 7:58-8:1**

...On that day a **great persecution** broke out against the church in Jerusalem, and all except the apostles **were scattered** throughout Judea and Samaria. <sup>2</sup> Godly men buried Stephen and mourned deeply for him.  
<sup>3</sup> But **Saul** began to destroy the church. Going from house to house, he dragged off both men and women and put them in prison. <sup>4</sup> Those who had **been scattered** preached the word wherever they went. **Acts 8:1-4**

### Rise above opposition & difficulty!

- **Trust & share Jesus** even when life gets tough.

<sup>5</sup> **Philip** went down to Samaria and **proclaimed Jesus** as the Messiah.  
<sup>6</sup> When the crowds heard Philip and saw the signs he did, they **all paid close attention** to what he said. <sup>7</sup> With shrieks, evil spirits came out of many, and many paralyzed and lame were healed. <sup>8</sup> So there was **great joy** in that city...  
<sup>12</sup> People, high and low, who had followed Simon "the Great Power" **believed Philip** as he proclaimed the **good news** of the **kingdom of God** and the **name of Jesus Christ**, they were baptized, both men and women.  
<sup>13</sup> Simon himself believed and was baptized and followed... **Acts 8:5-13**

### Reach out to people new to you!

- **Build** meaningful bridges to others.
- **Show the power** of love & sacrifice.

<sup>26</sup> Now an angel of the Lord said to **Philip**, "**Go** south to the desert road that goes from Jerusalem to Gaza." <sup>27</sup> So he **started out**, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official... He was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. <sup>29</sup> The Spirit told Philip, "**Go** to that chariot and stay near it..."  
<sup>34</sup> The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, please, **who** is the prophet **talking about**, himself or someone else?" <sup>35</sup> Then **Philip** began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36-37</sup> As they traveled, they came to some water and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?" <sup>38</sup>...Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. **Acts 8:26-38**

### Come alongside God's activity in others!

- **Listen up** to be part of divine connections.
- **Be willing** to take Spirit-inspired next steps.

## Crossroads Church

Discovering Life Connected with God!

### Our Vision

To be a dynamic and diverse family of believers in Jesus Christ connected in transforming relationships with God, each other, and our world!

### Our Purpose and Mission

To connect people with God, God's family, and God's mission through a transforming relationship with Jesus Christ!

### Our Strategy

To fulfill God's purpose in our lives through a balanced commitment to love God with our entire being and to love our neighbor as ourselves, according to God's Great Commandment and Great Commission in the Bible.

### Our Commitment

#### Growth

To speak and act more like Jesus Christ each day of our lives.  
To reach people disconnected from God with the love of Jesus.

#### Relationships

To develop depth, consistency, and closeness in our walk with Jesus.  
To share life and spiritual journey together with each other.

#### Relevance

To apply God's truths and principles to life in practical ways.  
To engage and meaningfully share Jesus with people.

#### Involvement

To participate in church family relationships and responsibilities.  
To discover and contribute our dynamic and diverse abilities.

#### Truth

To value Jesus Christ and the Bible as God's eternal revelation to us.  
To believe and center on Jesus Christ as forgiver and life leader.

## Let's Catch the Vision and Share the Mission Together!

"We are an autonomous, biblically-based church family that actively partners locally and internationally to fulfill our mission to connect people in transforming relationship with Jesus Christ!"