

# מעשי השליחים Ma'asei HaShlichim

[ACTS OF THE APOSTLES]

## Acts 8 *"The Acts of Philip"*

### Discussion Questions:

1. What do you think the disciples were going through having to abruptly leave Jerusalem after having just moved thereto join this amazing new community? When have you had to do an about-face to save yourself, your family, your reputation, etc?
2. What was so remarkable about the Samaritans' favorably receiving the word of God that the apostles in Jerusalem sent Peter and John to check it out and pray for them?
3. The stories Luke includes about Philip most likely came from Philip himself when Luke and Paul stayed with him during Paul's journeys. Imagine that meeting. Philip, who had left Jerusalem because of the persecution lead by Paul (Saul), was now hosting his former antagonist in his home. What would that have been like for each of them—Philip, Paul and Luke?
4. It is probable that the Ethiopian eunuch was Jewish. How do we know this?
5. Luke is trying to tell us something by including these two stories of individuals Philip encounters. What is the chief difference between Simon tha magician and the Ethiopian eunuch?

