

# LIFE GROUPS

## SERMON NOTES



### **It's All About the Kingdom**

*Acts 8:1-8 January 8, 2023, Pastor Koby Orr*

**START TALKING** | asking questions to get you thinking.

1. How does the persecution of Christians in our society differ from other areas of the world?
2. How have you personally faced persecution for your faith since becoming a Christian?

**START SHARING** | asking questions that engage with the message.

Read Acts 8:1-8

3. Pastor Koby said, "God allows persecution to take place." What hope do we have knowing this and how do the following verses give us comfort in our suffering? See Psalm 115:3 and Romans 8:28.
4. Read verse 1 again. Why was the church scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria and why were the Apostles called to stay in Jerusalem?
5. Read Philippians 1:21. What does it mean to live a faithful Christian life that is all about His kingdom?

**START LIVING** | asking questions that apply God's Word to daily life.

6. Pastor Koby gave us two questions we should ask ourselves. How would you answer the following questions and in each, what are the indications that either you *are* or *are not*?
  - a) "Am I worth persecuting?"
  - b) "Am I ready?"
7. How has this sermon changed your understanding and awareness of global persecution?
8. What areas of your life might need to change to help you be ready to meet persecution head on?