



## Week 10 | November 18 Sermon

### Community:

#### Happy Thanksgiving week!!

In your community time this week, perhaps you'd like to share a meal together as a "Friendsgiving" sort of thing. Or maybe one or more of you is feeling stressed about the preparation and your groupies can come alongside and help in some way. Perhaps you'd like to serve a Thanksgiving-related cause.

As you gather, consider sharing some of your Thanksgiving memories, traditions, failures, funnies.

What are you most thankful for this year? Why?

You may also want to spend a bit of time deciding your GROUP plans for Advent. Remember, there will not be a discussion guide provided during that season, which begins on Sunday, December 2, so one more sermon to go after Thanksgiving. Of course, sermons will still be preached so you could continue your discussion of them. Other options include, but are not limited to:

- Do an Advent specific study/devotional (I'm researching some good options right now!)

- Serve together

- Gather socially and for the purpose of celebration

- Take a break if needed/desired

- Any combination of these!

Pray together a prayer of thanksgiving and praise our good Father with your spoken blessings.

*Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near. **Hebrews 10:24-25***

# GROUPS

**Sermon Title: Preaching on the Other Side of the Tracks, Part 3 | Text: Acts 8**

**Sanctuary Discussion Questions::**

The book of Acts has many important “moments.” Why might Acts 8 be one of the most significant? In Acts 8, Dr. Luke highlights three themes found throughout the book of Acts. They are:

The Holy Spirit

Christ’s reign revealed in deed and word

Multi-ethnicity

How important are these themes to you (the individual) and to us (the Body of Christ) in 2018-2019?

If these are not important themes, what would you replace them with?

Why was it so important for Dr. Luke to emphasize Stephen’s use of “deeds and words” in his ministry with the Samaritans?

Please respond to this Q and A:

Question: What good are miracles and signs?

Answer: Healings bring glory to God, but even the most dramatic ones are at best temporal. They do not import eternal life. The deeds only prepare the way for God’s Word. But make no mistake, they prepare the way well.

Will you spend time in prayer for Third Church as we continue to be a “Kingdom Sending” community?

**Auditorium Discussion Questions::**

What has been your experience with assumptions?

Share a story about a time in your life where you assumed something and what you thought was happening was not accurate.

**OR**

Share a story of when an assumption was made about you that was way off from the truth.

Read through Acts 8 as a group.

What do you find interesting about this chapter?

What do you have questions about from the chapter?

What assumptions can be made about the people in this chapter?

How do you see God pursuing people in this chapter?

Is there an application from the chapter for you today?

