Groups Sermon Based Questions

Witnesses

May 17 & 18, 2025



Philip

The sermon is up on the spac.ca website Monday of each week.

The persecution of the church has begun, and it scatters believers outside of Jerusalem, causing the Gospel to spread beyond Jerusalem. Philip, one of the seven leaders chosen by the apostles (6:5), goes to the region of Samaria to proclaim the message. During this time, He encounters a man on the road that would further spread the Gospel into the Gentile world.

Scripture: Acts 8:1-8; 26-40

Engage

(Optional) Icebreaker Question

1. What in the Bible do you have a hard time understanding? Or was there something you did not understand, and someone helped bring clarity? What was it?

Study

Series Overview: "In this series we'll look at 5 individuals in the Book of Acts who were witnesses to the fact that Jesu sis alive and invites everyone to be part of His Kingdom under His loving rule. They're each a unique person, in unique circumstance in a unique part of the world; all sharing the same message. We'll challenge ach other with the fac that the calling hasn't changed! We are called to be witnesses and every person's story matters, having the power to uniquely share the message that Jesus is alive" – Jeremy Cook.

Read Acts 1:1-9

- What stands out to you most about this Passage? Or what questions do you have? Why?
- 2. The Ethiopian eunuch, a foreigner and social outsider was spiritually hungry. What does this tell you about God's heart and strategy for those who are receptive?
- 3. In what ways does God guide Philip to step into this encounter with the Ethiopian eunuch? (Leader notes: v.26, 29, 39) How can this bring confidence to you and I when sharing our faith?
- 4. Similar to Stephen's response, what understanding did Philip have in order to proclaim the message?
- 5. Just as Stephen and Philip did. Why is this so important for us to understand Scripture as one meta-narrative, pointing to Jesus? What stories/passages in the Old Testament or in your own story are you able to highlight Jesus? Share with one another!
- 6. What type of promptings has God given you to talk to someone about your faith? How did you respond? What has been difficult or when have they been easy?

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- 7. What experiences / tools / disciplines have helped you become more confident in sharing your faith with others?
- 8. Reflect and think about that one person God has placed on your mind to be a witness to. Finish your time praying for that individual by name, together.

Reflection and Prayer

This week, ask Holy Spirit as you start your day/week, "God how would you want to use me today/this week, as a light for you? To whom are you wanting me to be more bold and loving?"