



Community Bible Church
Sermon Discussion Questions: Sept 7/8 & 11
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Title: Tell the World

Text: Acts 8:26-40

Target: What is significant will always be shared.

I. Submission of a Servant: *Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place. (Vs. 26)*

A. Called to a Purpose: *"rise and go"*

A. Called to a Place: *"a desert place" (Vs. 26)*

A. Called unto Obedience: *And he rose and went. (27a)*

Question #1: *Have you ever felt a distinct calling from God, even to a "desert place" or a challenging environment? How did you respond, and what was the outcome?*

Question #2: *In what ways do you think God is calling you to step out of your comfort zone right now? How can you embrace this with obedience, like Philip?*

Question #3: *Philip immediately rose and went. How does your own response to God's calling reflect immediate obedience, or is there hesitation? What might be holding you back?*

I. Search for Significance: *And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. (Vs. 27b)*

A. Person of Status: *"a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians who was in charge of all her treasure. (27c)*

A. Pursuit of Spirituality: *He had come to Jerusalem to worship (Vs. 27d)*

A. Possession of Scripture: *"and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah." (Vs. 28)*

Question #4: *The Ethiopian eunuch held a high position but was still searching for truth. How do you think status and success can sometimes mask a deeper spiritual longing?*

Question #5: *The eunuch traveled a long distance to worship in Jerusalem. What are the ways you actively pursue spiritual growth in your life? What sacrifices are you willing to make to encounter God more fully?*

I. Sensitivity to the Spirit: *And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot." (Vs. 29)*

A. Priority of Observation: *"Go over and join"*

A. Power of Question: *So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" (Vs. 30)*

A. Point of Connection: *And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. (Vs. 31)*

A. Promise of Revelation: *"And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" (Vs. 34)*

I. Shared the Savior: *"Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus." (Vs. 35)*

1. HIS Sacrifice: (Vs. 32-23 is an excerpt from Is. 53:7-8)

2. HIS Substitution: *All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. (Is. 53:6)*

3. HIS Salvation: *he bore the sin of many and makes intercession for the transgressors. (Is. 53:12)*

I. Strategy that's Simple : *"for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard." (Acts 4:20)*

A. Prayer of Inclusion: *Lord, would you allow me to be good news to someone today?*

A. Priority of Observation: *Lord, would allow me to see who you need me to see today?*

A. Point of Connection: (Relevant. Interests, Culture. Events)

A. Proper Transition: *Seem, like a great person, do you mind if I ask you a spiritual question?*

A. Power of a 1st Question: *What do you think it takes to go to heaven?*

A. Present Scripture: *Romans Road - Romans 3:10, 3:23. 6:23, 5:8, 10:9, 10:13*

A. Power of a 2nd Question: *Would you like to accept Jesus as your Savior today?*

Question #6: *Philip's approach was simple and Spirit-led. How can you simplify your approach to evangelism? Are there opportunities in your daily life that you can seize to share your faith more naturally?*

Question #7: *How has your relationship with Jesus been personal? What steps can you take to make it more public in a way that invites others into the journey?*

Takeaway: Don't just keep Jesus personal, make him public.