

Philip and the Man from Ethiopia

Acts 8:5-8, 26-39



Where can you find people?

How are they different from each other?

How are they alike?

Prayer

Dear Father in heaven, thank You for giving us faith in Your son Jesus who lived and died for us. We know that You would have all people be saved. Help us to remember that people need to know Jesus to be saved. Help us to

tell other people about Jesus our Savior and not keep it a secret that we are Your children, Give us opportunities and courage to share our faith. In Jesus' name. Amen

Philip and the Man from Ethiopia--Acts 8:26-39

Now an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, "Arise and go toward the south along the road which goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is desert.

{27} So he arose and went. And behold, a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under Candace the queen of the Ethiopians, who had charge of all her treasury, and had come to Jerusalem to worship, {28} was returning. And sitting in his chariot, was reading Isaiah the prophet. {29} Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go near, and overtake this chariot."

{30} So Philip ran to him, and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet, and said, "Do you understand what you are reading?" {31} And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he asked Philip to come up and sit with him.

{32} The place in the Scripture which he read was this: "He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so He opened not His mouth. {33} In his humiliation His justice was taken away. And who will declare His generation? For His life is taken from



the earth.”

{34} So the eunuch answered Philip and said, “I ask you of whom does the prophet say this, of himself or of some other man?”

{35} Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him.

{37} Now as they went down the road they came to some water. And the eunuch said, “See, here is water. What hinders me from being baptized?”

{38} Then Philip said, “If you believe with all your heart, you may.” And he answered and said, “I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.”

{38} So he commanded the chariot to stand still. And both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him.

{39} Now when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught Philip away, so that the eunuch saw him no more; and he went on his way rejoicing.

What the Story Tells Us

1. Tell five facts about the man in the chariot.
2. Tell two things God did to bring Philip and the Ethiopian together.
3. Act out the conversation between Philip and the Ethiopian.
4. Tell three ways the Ethiopian shows his faith.

Outer Aim

God saved the Ethiopian by having Philip tell him about Jesus.

What God Tells Us - Mark each as (T)rue or (F)alse

- ____ 1. God wants everyone to be saved.
- ____ 2. It doesn't matter if people know about Jesus if they believe in God.
- ____ 3. It is not important to study God's Word if you believe in Jesus.

- ____ 4. God will give us opportunities to talk about Jesus and help us know what to say.
- ____ 5. If we don't understand something about God's Word we can find someone to help us.
- ____ 6. We have to understand everything about God's Word before we can tell people about Jesus.
- ____ 7. Only adults can be missionaries.

Passages

(Acts 4:12) Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.

(Acts 2:38-39) Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.

(Acts 4:20) For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.

Inner Aim

God sends us to preach the gospel to all people.

Hymn

According to hymn 507 what are the main teachings of Scripture we want to share with the people around us and far away?

Your Turn

List five questions you could ask an acquaintance that might possibly lead to talking about Jesus. Start each question this way: What do you think about ...

1. What do you think about
2. What do you think about
3. What do you think about
4. What do you think about
5. What do you think about

Pick one of these questions and tell how you would answer it.

Prayer

Thank You, Lord Jesus, for the people You have put in my life to help me understand Your word. Thank You for Jesus, my Savior! Help me to see the opportunities to share Your word that You put in my life and give me the words to say. Bless my studies of Your word that I may grow in wisdom and understanding. Amen.