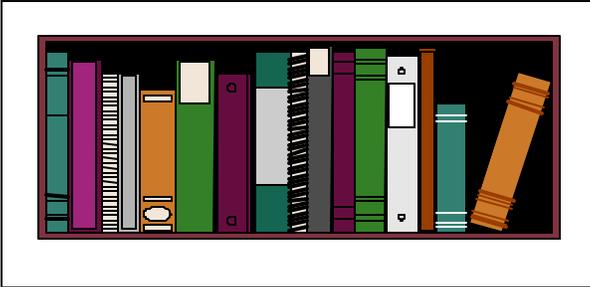


Philip and the Man from Ethiopia

Acts 8:5-8, 26-39



What kind of books do you have in your library?

Do you have a Bible at home?

Do you read your Bible at home?

Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father, bless our study of Your word as You blessed the study of the eunuch of Ethiopia. May Your Spirit work in our hearts that we may grow in knowledge and understanding and in a willingness to share Your word with others. In our Savior 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.

Recalling Details - Fill in the blank with the words from the WORD LIST

WORD LIST (Some words will be used more than once.)

rejoiced, Philip, eunuch, Ethiopia, baptized, believe, baptizing, Jesus, Christ, Isaiah, Son, sheep, God, slaughtered, believed

1. Philip was sent to the _____ of _____.
2. The _____ was reading the book of _____ where it talks about the _____ being _____.
3. The _____ invited _____ into his chariot to explain to him what he was reading.
4. _____ told the _____ about _____.
5. The _____ wanted to be _____.
6. _____ was willing to baptize him if he _____.
7. The _____ said, "I _____ that _____ is the _____ of _____."
8. After _____ the eunuch, _____ disappeared.
9. The eunuch _____ as he rode home.

Outer Aim

God saved a non-Jewish foreigner through Philip, a Christian missionary.

What Can We Do?

List five things you can do to help bring the word of God to people who do not know about Jesus.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

What did Philip need to know in order to help the eunuch of Ethiopia?

How do we prepare to help others know about Jesus?

Inner Aim

God sends us to preach the gospel to all people.

Passages

(Acts 10:42-43) And He commanded us to preach to the people, and to testify that it is He who was ordained by God to be Judge of the living and the dead. To Him all the prophets witness that, through His name, whoever believes in Him will receive remission of sins.

Who is "He" in this passage?

How do people receive forgiveness of their sins?

(Eph. 2:11-13) Therefore remember, that . . . at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been made near by the blood of Christ.

What is a person's relationship with God like if they do not believe in Jesus?

(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.

About whom is this passage talking?

What would you say to people who think that it doesn't matter what you believe about God as long as you believe there is a god?

Hymn

Read hymn 283. Which line in particular fits this lesson? Why are the thoughts of the last two lines also very important to our mission work?

Prayer

Write a short prayer based on this lesson., Include a thank you and a request.