



Judea-Samaria

Acts 8:26-40

“Those who had been scattered preached the Word wherever they went. Philip went down to a city in Samaria and proclaimed the Messiah there. When the crowds heard Philip and saw the signs he performed, they all paid close attention to what he said.” Acts 8:4-6 (NIV)

A. The Spirit’s Guidance...

1. may not make sense.

“Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” Acts 8:26 (NIV)

2. may disrupt your plans.

“So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means ‘queen of the Ethiopians’). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet.” Acts 8:27-28 (NIV)

3. always requires obedience.

“The Spirit told Philip, “Go to that chariot and stay near it.”” Acts 8:29 (NIV)

“‘Why do you call Me’, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I say? As for everyone who comes to Me and hears My words and puts them into practice, I will show you what they are like.”” Luke 6:46-47 (NIV)

B. The Scripture’s Power...

1. may drive perfect questions.

“Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet, ‘Do you understand what you are reading?’ Philip asked. ‘How can I,’ he said, ‘unless someone explains it to me?’ So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.” Acts 8:30-31 (NIV)

2. transcends time and generations.

“This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading: ‘He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before its shearer is silent so he did not open his mouth. In his humiliation he was deprived of justice. Who can speak of his descendants? For his life was taken from the earth.’” Acts 8:32-33 (NIV)

3. may require some clarity.

“The eunuch asked Philip, ‘Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?’ Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the Good News about Jesus.” Acts 8:34-35 (NIV)

C. By Faith...

1. the Ethiopian Eunuch was baptized.

“As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, ‘Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?’ And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him.” Acts 8:36-38 (NIV)

2. Philip went back to work.

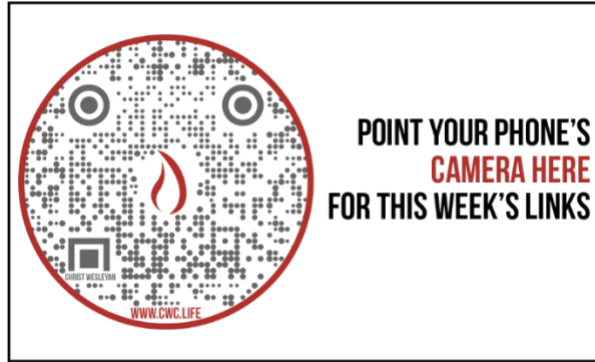
“When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing. Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and traveled about, preaching the Gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.” Acts 8:39-40 (NIV)

3. we all need to be ready to go where the Spirit leads us to preach the Good News of the Gospel!
“Preach the Word of God. Be prepared, whether the time is favorable or not. Patiently correct, rebuke, and encourage your people with good teaching. For a time is coming when people will no longer listen to sound and wholesome teaching. They will follow their own desires and will look for teachers who will tell them whatever their itching ears want to hear. They will reject the truth and chase after myths. But you should keep a clear mind in every situation. Don’t be afraid of suffering for the Lord. Work at telling others the Good News, and fully carry out the ministry God has given you.” 2 Timothy 4:2-5 (NLT)

Bottom Line:
Got guidance?
Philip did.

To begin a relationship with Jesus...
Text: “Jesus” to 570-273-0088

Next Sunday: “impACTS”
Week 3: To the Ends of the Earth
Milton Campus: Pastor Branden Mestach
Sunbury Campus: Pastor Billy Robel



Notetakers are History Makers

Giving & Attendance Update

Giving last Sunday: 67.6% of goal

Giving year to date: 84.9% of goal

Attendance Last Weekend: 1,840

Salvations to date: 40 | Baptisms to date: 35

Upcoming Happenings:

September 4 – CWC Youth begins 6:30p

September 8 – Classics Fall Kickoff Dinner – 12:30p

September 11 – Mid-Week Groups/Kidz – 6:30p