

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

Acts: The Church. Established. Empowered. Expanding - Acts 8:26-40 - Spirit-Led Evangelism - 12.08.2024

1. Is there anything specific from this message that the Lord has impressed upon your heart?
If so, what is it & how do you feel the Lord calling you to respond?
2. Have you ever sensed the Holy Spirit calling you to a specific place (or toward a person) as we see Him do to Philip in Acts 8?
If SO, how did you sense His leading in that, and how did you discern that it was the Holy Spirit leading you in that situation?
What role did the Scriptures and other believers play in helping to affirm this calling of the Holy Spirit to you?
How did you respond to that call, & how did the Lord work through your response (or non-response if that was the case)?
More broadly - what are specific things that the Holy Spirit calls ALL believers into, and are you obeying this call in your life?
3. As you read Acts 8:26-40, how does this story continue the fulfillment of Acts 1:8 as we saw in the previous portion of Acts 8?
How does this passage give hope to any person who's genuinely seeking the Truth in his or her life?
How is the Holy Spirit at work as the means & motivation for evangelism in both the one speaking & the one hearing the truth?
How does He work in the life of the person(s) proclaiming the truth (the evangelist(s) in that situation)?
How does He work in the life of the person(s) to whom the truth is being presented (the "responder" in that situation)?
How does His work in every aspect alleviate pressure we might feel regarding what we say AND the response of the hearer?
4. I read Isaiah 53 during the sermon (the Ethiopian Eunuch was reading verses 7-8 per Luke's account in Acts 8).
As you listened or read along with this chapter of Scripture, how does this passage specifically point to Jesus as the Messiah?
How does Is. 53 (& all other Scriptures) encourage us in our faith & how we can lean on the Scriptures to direct our evangelism?
5. Are you struggling to experience joy in your life in this season; and if so, can you identify the reason(s) why that is the case?
How do temporal circumstances sometimes rob us of a joy in Christ that is truly eternal (& grounded in an eternal hope)?
How does looking to Jesus (& returning to Him when we don't) help us to better experience the fullness of His joy in our lives?
How can we get back on track if we've lost our way here and are struggling to experience joy like the Eunuch here?
What tangible steps can we take now to walk in His joy again and be renewed by the Spirit in the joy of the Lord?
6. Below are the "Today's Takeaways" from the sermon. Do any of these particularly encourage, convict, challenge, you, & if so, how?
Fruitful evangelism is always led by the Holy Spirit!
For fruit to come, the Spirit must lead all involved!
God ensures that all who seek truth will find Him!
Remain in the Word & trust the Spirit's guidance!
There is true joy in the life that is found in Jesus!
Seek Christ & keep Him first & His joy will follow!