

THE EVANGELIST

The Spirit anoints the evangelist to GATHER unbelievers by sharing the gospel with them so they may be saved.

KEY POINTS

- ❖ A simplistic definition of the five-fold ministry is the following: Apostles GO; Prophets GUIDE; Evangelists GATHER; Pastors GROW; and Teachers GROUND.
- ❖ According to Peter Wagner, the gift of evangelism is “to share the gospel with unbelievers in such a way that men and women become Jesus’ disciples and responsible members of the Body of Christ.” The evangelist’s main role is to bring the unsaved into the Church.

The Spirit anointed Philip to reach out to the Ethiopian eunuch.

- ❖ Of the various aspects of the five-fold ministry, the office of the evangelist is the one that relies most on the vessel being deeply in tune with the Spirit.
- ❖ With the other four gifts or offices, the vessel has a level of knowledge of their general audience. For the evangelist, however, there tends to be more reliance on hearing directly from the Spirit because they often have less experience with their audience.
- ❖ “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).
- ❖ Whether the instruction was out of his way or contrary to his plans, Philip immediately obeyed the voice of the Spirit and went. And on the way, he noticed an important official, an Ethiopian eunuch. It was then that “the Spirit told Philip, ‘Go to that chariot and stay near it’” (v. 29).
- ❖ Philip trusted the voice of the Spirit and his obedience opened up a powerful opportunity.

Philip preached the gospel to the Ethiopian eunuch.

- ❖ Philip “heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. ‘Do you understand what you are reading?’ ‘...How can I,’ he said, ‘unless someone explains it to me?’” (Acts 8:30-31).
- ❖ God knows that you need to get close to the people He’s calling in order for you to know who and where they are. In his engagement of the eunuch, Philip started where the eunuch was and not where he was. The eunuch was reading Isaiah, so Philip engaged him with what his current interest was and not with what Philip was interested in telling him. It was that appeal that caused the eunuch to invite Philip to join him.
- ❖ The eunuch then asked a seemingly simple question: “Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?” (v. 34).
- ❖ The answer could have been short—that the prophet was talking about the promised Messiah and not himself—yet Philip used the question as an opening to preach the gospel. To the evangelist, every conversation is an opening to get to the sharing of the gospel.
- ❖ Look at Jesus with the Samaritan woman at the well. The conversation began with what *she* had, who *she* was, and what *she* needed. It ended with a two-day evangelistic experience for that town (see John 4).

KEY SCRIPTURE: Acts 8:26-40

(all scripture in NIV unless otherwise noted)

- ❖ The emphasis of our evangelistic effort at Faith Sanctuary is to meet people where they are. Consistent with Jesus’ statement that “the gates of hell shall not prevail against [the Church]” (Matt. 16:18 KJV), we are willing to go to where people are in sin in order to reach them for Jesus because He “came to seek and to save the lost” (Luke 19:10).

The Ethiopian eunuch was saved and gathered into the body of Christ.

- ❖ “Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus” (Acts 8:35).
- ❖ God has a wonderful plan for your life. But because of sin, humanity fell out of relationship with Him, and we can’t restore that relationship ourselves. That’s why He came in Jesus to save us from our sins, and the Bible tells us how to access His free gift of life (see Acts 2:38).
- ❖ The eunuch repented of his sins. In other words, he purposed to turn away from the life he was living and follow the way of the Lord. He confirmed that he had faith, that he believed in this gospel of salvation in Christ. With that in place, he could be baptized. And all this was taking place in the Presence of the Spirit of God, the same Spirit that would fill the eunuch to complete his salvation (Acts 8:37-38).
- ❖ A note to consider is that the evangelist didn’t hang around to take the newly born saint to the next level. He went off to his next assignment. This is because **the Spirit anoints the evangelist to GATHER unbelievers by sharing the gospel with them so they may be saved.** Others of the five-fold ministry equip the discipleship journey of the saints.
- ❖ We should all be involved in personal evangelism and take the good news of salvation to those within our sphere of influence. Yet the gift of the evangelist is imparted to a select group of people who have this edge when it comes to sharing Jesus with a wide array of people.
- ❖ Christ has given the office and anointing of the evangelist for the equipping of the saints. We must urgently GATHER unbelievers by sharing the gospel with them so they may be saved.

DISCUSSION/REFLECTION TOOLS

1. Have a look at Philip’s encounter with the eunuch in Acts 8:26-40 and Jesus’ interaction with the Samaritan woman in John 4. Discuss how the gift of evangelism was in operation in each instance and the impact of each encounter.
2. In what way can we engage with others and tell them about Christ in our daily lives?

PRAYER TIME

Lord, help me to be in tune with Your Spirit, so that I may engage others and tell them about You.

Start-up: When you don't understand something, who or what do you go to for better understanding?

WEEK OF SUNDAY, AUGUST 3, 2025

NOTES

Meditate as you read through/listen to this week’s message. If it helps, use symbols for your notes.

✓ (Reminds me/Confirms) 💡 (New idea) 🤔 (Think about)

! (Do this) ❤️ (Speaks to my heart) ➡️ (Must share)

PRAYER NEEDS/THANKSGIVINGS

Go deeper with your Life Group family.
CONNECT-REFLECT-DISSECT THE
WORD

PRAYER FOCUS: Personal spiritual growth.
24-hour Prayer: Monday, Wednesday & Friday;
Daily Devotions: Tuesday & Thursday @ 6:30 a.m. & 9:00 p.m.;
Departmental Prayer: Every Thursday (please check schedule)
Corporate Prayer: Every Friday @ 7:00 p.m. (and in person every second Friday @ 9:00 p.m. - 3:00 a.m.), **Saturday** morning from midnight to 3:00 a.m., and **Sunday @ 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.**
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

MONDAY 24-HOUR PRAYER

Our Monday 24-Hour Prayer will not take place this Monday, August 4th due to the Civic Holiday. Prayer meetings will resume Tuesday, August 5th at 6:30 a.m., beginning with morning devotion.

SUNDAY EVENING PRAYER

Please note that our Sunday evening prayer (6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.) will be cancelled this Sunday, August 3rd due to the holiday weekend. We will resume Sunday evening prayer next Sunday, August 10th.

BEREAN BIBLE STUDY

In-person Berean Bible Study will be cancelled this Monday, August 4th due to the Civic holiday. We will resume in-person Bible Study on Monday, August 11th.

FAITH FAMILY BBQ

Date: August 10th

Time: 1:00 p.m. (directly after service)

Place: Faith Sanctuary (back parking lot near the kitchen)

Contact: Pastor Lucy Peel

Zoom (Co-)Hosting Training

Date: Sunday, August 10th @ 4:00 p.m.

Access is via the FS "Departmental Meetings" Zoom room (link is on the Faith Sanctuary home page - scroll down)

Contact: Bro. Mike Allen

PROMO VIDEO

We're filming a promo video for our upcoming Faith conference, and we want YOU to be a part of it! Come camera-ready and full of energy, and let's show the world what God is doing! For more information, contact Sis. Andrea Peel.

FAITH SANCTUARY WEEKLY SERVICES

Sunday Bible Study @ 10:00 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service @ 11:00 a.m.

(Listen via phone: 1-844-268-4848)

Monday Berean Bible Study @ 6:30 p.m.

(Zoom, Facebook, YouTube)

Wednesday Bible Study @ 7:30 p.m.

(In person and via Zoom)

Friday Evening Service @ 8:00 p.m.

(In person and via Zoom)

Life Group Meetings – individually scheduled
(see ushers for information)

FAITH FOUNDATIONS

GOD

We believe there is only one God: the eternal, holy, loving, all-knowing, all-powerful, omnipresent Spirit, creator of all (Deuteronomy 6:4; 1 Timothy 1:17; Leviticus 19:2; 1 John 4:8; Hebrews 4:13; Revelation 19:6; Jeremiah 23:24; John 4:24; Isaiah 44:24; Colossians 1:16).

GOD'S WORD

We believe the Holy Scriptures—The Bible—is God's true and complete Word to humanity, verified most notably through fulfilled prophecies concerning Jesus Christ (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Isaiah 41:21-23, 42:8-9, 46:9-10; Luke 24:25-27; John 17:17).

GOD'S CREATION

We believe all people were created in the image of God for His pleasure, to be His children, His church and His bride, living in eternal love and fellowship with Him (Revelation 4:1; Genesis 1:27; John 1:12-13; Romans 8:16; Ephesians 5:25-32; Revelation 19:7).

HUMANITY'S FALL

We acknowledge that we have all sinned and failed to fulfill God's plan and purpose for our lives, through willful disobedience to the word of God and our own conscience. All sinful acts lead to separation and alienation from God's pure, holy presence, eventually resulting in both physical and spiritual death (Romans 3:23, 6:23a).

THE GOSPEL

We believe that Jesus Christ is the Almighty God, fully divine and fully human (1 Timothy 3:16). He came to Earth and suffered death by crucifixion, willingly substituting Himself for us in receiving God's judgment against sin (Isaiah 53:5). But God raised Him from death (Acts 5:30), and He now offers eternal life to all who will believe in Him (John 3:14-17, 6:29; 2 Corinthians 5:18-21; Romans 6:23b; Ephesians 2:4-9). Faith is sparked within us when we hear the gospel, the "good news" that Jesus died, was buried and rose from the dead for our benefit (Romans 10:14-17; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4).

OUR FAITH RESPONSE

Hearing the gospel is intended to lead us to repentance, a divinely inspired change of heart that causes us to turn away from our sins and turn to God (2 Corinthians 7:9-10; 2 Timothy 2:24-26). Faith and repentance lead us to obey the scriptural command to be baptized in Jesus' name for the forgiveness of our sins and to receive His gift of the Holy Spirit. His Spirit gives us the power to live a righteous, godly life, joyfully sharing the good news of our new life in Christ with others (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38, 4:12; 1 Peter 1:22-23).

CHRIST'S RETURN

We believe our Lord Jesus Christ will soon return to Earth to receive His people to Himself and establish His righteous, eternal kingdom (John 14:3; Matthew 25:34).

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"Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. ... I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings."
1 Corinthians 9:19, 22-23 (NIV)

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