



Text: Acts 8:26-40 (NASB95)

Topic: Evangelism, the Gospel preached to multitudes and one by one

Application Point: We all have a part to play in sharing the Gospel.

Sermon Title: The Gospel: From multitudes to individuals

Context:

Acts 8:1-25 – Phillip's Ministry

Verse 1 – Persecution intensifies at the hands of Saul resulting in believers being scattered.

Verse 2 – Stephen is buried and mourned.

Verse 4 – The result of the persecution is the Word was preached as they were scattered.

Acts 8:5-6 (NASB95)

5 Philip went down to the city of Samaria and [began] proclaiming Christ to them. 6 The crowds with one accord were giving attention to what was said by Philip, as they heard and saw the signs which he was performing.

Verse 9-13 – Simon the magician believes.

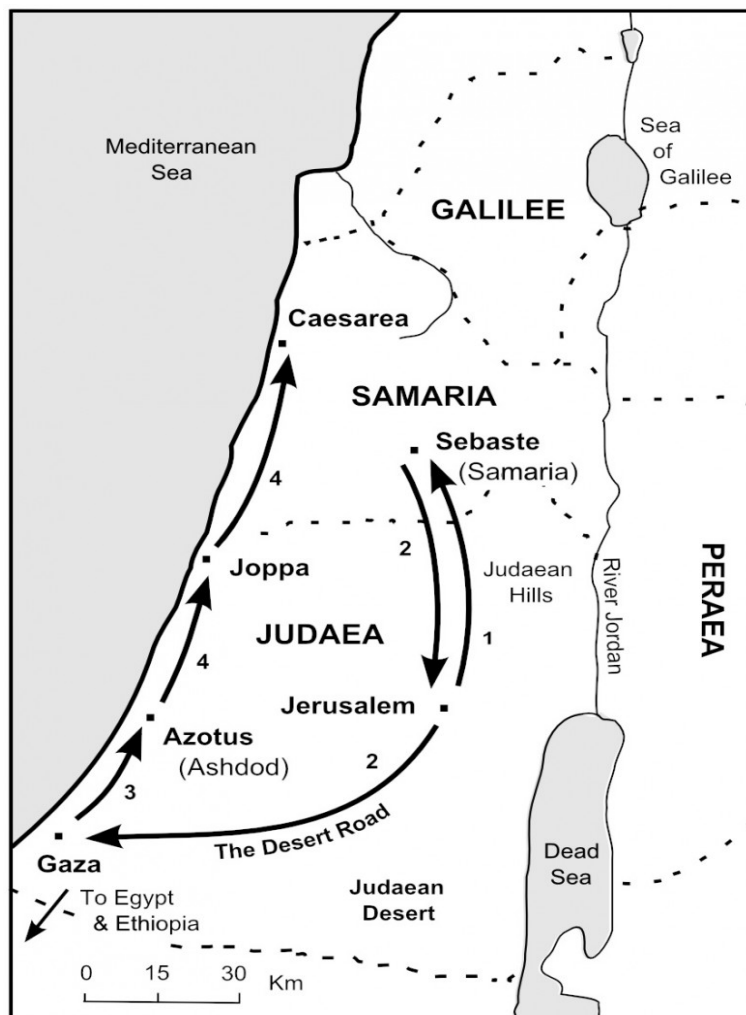
Verse 15 – Peter & John pray for the believers in Samaria and they receive the Holy Spirit.

Acts 8:26-40 (NASB95)

1. The Spirit of God moving in the _____.

Acts 8:26 (NASB95)

26 But an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip saying, "Get up and go south to the road that descends from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a desert [road.]



2. The Word of God is _____ in knowing God.

Acts 8:27-28 (NASB95)

27 So he got up and went; and there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure; and he had come to Jerusalem to worship, 28 and he was returning and sitting in his chariot, and was reading the prophet Isaiah.



The ancient Kingdom of Kush covers much of modern-day Sudan. Photo credit: The British Museum

Deuteronomy 23:1 (NASB95)

1 "No one who is emasculated or has his male organ cut off shall enter the assembly of the LORD.

3. The value of being _____ the Word of God.

Acts 8:29-31 (NASB95)

29 Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go up and join this chariot." 30 Philip ran up and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet, and said, "Do you understand what you are reading?" 31 And he said, "Well, how could I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

1 Peter 3:15 (NASB95)

15 but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always [being] ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence;

Acts 8:32-33 (NASB95)

32 Now the passage of Scripture which he was reading was this: "HE WAS LED AS A SHEEP TO SLAUGHTER; AND AS A LAMB BEFORE ITS SHEARER IS SILENT, SO HE DOES NOT OPEN HIS MOUTH. 33 "IN

HUMILIATION HIS JUDGMENT WAS TAKEN AWAY; WHO WILL RELATE HIS GENERATION? FOR HIS LIFE IS REMOVED FROM THE EARTH."

4) The _____ for one-on one evangelism.

Acts 8:34-35 (NASB95)

34 The eunuch answered Philip and said, "Please [tell me,] of whom does the prophet say this? Of himself or of someone else?" 35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning from this Scripture he preached Jesus to him.

Acts 8:36-38 (NASB95)

36 As they went along the road they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look! Water! What prevents me from being baptized?" 37 [And 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 And he ordered the chariot to stop; and they both went down into the water, Philip as well as the eunuch, and he baptized him.

Acts 8:39-40 (NASB95)

39 When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; and the eunuch no longer saw him, but went on his way rejoicing. 40 But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he kept preaching the gospel to all the cities until he came to Caesarea.

Matthew 28:19-20 (NASB95)

19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Galatians 5:22 (NASB95)

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

Application:

1. Daily yield to the Spirit's guidance
2. Understand and proclaim the Gospel.
3. Love people with God's love.

Study Questions for Acts 8:26-40

1. How does Philip's willingness to leave a successful ministry in Samaria and go to a deserted road demonstrate his obedience to the Spirit's guidance? What can we learn from his example?

2. What does the encounter between Philip and the Ethiopian eunuch teach us about the value of the Word of God in knowing and understanding Him?

3. How does Philip's approach of asking the eunuch if he understood what he was reading demonstrate an effective blueprint for one-on-one evangelism? What steps can we take to follow this blueprint in our own interactions with others?

4. Why is it important for us to be prepared to answer questions and share the Gospel from where people are currently at in their spiritual journey, just as Philip did with the eunuch? How can we effectively meet people where they are and share Christ with them?

5. Discuss the significance of baptism in the story of the Ethiopian eunuch. What are the requirements for baptism, according to Philip's response to the eunuch's question? How does baptism demonstrate a changed heart and a response of worship?

6. Reflect on the eunuch's response of rejoicing after being baptized and how it relates to a transformed life in Christ. What role does worship play in the life of a believer, and how does it reflect a heart that has understood and embraced the work of Christ on the cross?

7. Consider the historical impact of the eunuch's conversion and his subsequent evangelistic role among his own people. How can one individual's encounter with the Gospel have a ripple effect and bring transformation to a community or nation?

Here are some additional scriptures that can help deepen our understanding of the themes and lessons presented in the sermon:

Matthew 28:19-20

"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." This passage reinforces the Great Commission and the importance of sharing the Gospel with all people.

Acts 1:8

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth." This verse highlights the role of the Holy Spirit in empowering believers to be witnesses and take the Gospel to different places.

1 Peter 3:15

"but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence." This verse emphasizes the importance of being prepared to share our faith and give a reason for our hope, while maintaining a spirit of gentleness and reverence.

Romans 10:14-15

"How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? How will they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how will they hear without a preacher? How will they preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news of good things!'" This passage underscores the role of preaching and sharing the Gospel as an essential part of people coming to believe in Christ.

2 Timothy 2:2

"The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also." This verse highlights the importance of passing on the teachings of the Gospel to others, who in turn will continue the process of teaching and discipleship.

Galatians 5:22

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness." This verse reminds us that as we yield to the guidance of the Holy Spirit, His fruit will be evident in our lives, including love, joy, and kindness, which are essential qualities when engaging in evangelism and sharing the Gospel.