

The Book of Acts

Philip the Evangelist

Acts 8:4-40

MAIN IDEAS

- Christ is Preached in Samaria
- The Sorcerer's Profession of Faith
- The Sorcerer's Sin
- Christ is Preached to an Ethiopian

PERSONAL RESPONSE

The gospel had already crossed cultural and land barriers among Jews (Acts 2:1-13, 6:1-7). How did the Jews view the Samaritans (John 4:9)?

Philip was a Greek-speaking cultured Jew. He is considered a missionary as well as an evangelist in Scripture. Read Acts 8:4-8. What is the significance of Philip preaching in Samaria (Acts 1:8)?

What convinced the people of Samaria to believe? How did they respond (Acts 8:12)? What about you? What convinced you to believe and how long did it take for you to become baptized?

Compare Philip's messages to Peter and Steven's previous messages. What do you notice (Acts 2:43, Acts 6:8)?

Why do you think their messages were accompanied by miracles?

How did the sorcerer view Philip's success? Describe how he thought of himself? What did people call him (Acts 8:9-11)?

Compare Simon's magic to Philip's miracles. What do you notice?

In the midst of Philip's successful teachings, the Angel of the Lord summoned Philip. What was he told to do (Acts 8:26)?

What does Philip's response say about his character?

Who did Philip meet there (Acts 8:26-27)? How would the Jews have viewed this eunuch (Deuteronomy 23:1)?

The message of the gospel has been spreading. What is significant about Ethiopia?

What was the Eunuch doing when Philip approached him (Acts 8:30)?

Consider the passage that the eunuch was reading (Isaiah 53:7-8). How did the eunuch's humble invitation for Philip to guide him through this passage lead to Philip's sharing of the gospel? Imagine their conversation. What conclusions might the eunuch have drawn?

After their Bible study, what was the eunuch's response?

Read Acts 8:39, 1 Kings 18:12, 2 Kings 2:16 and Ezek 3:12. What do you notice? What does Acts 8:39 confirm to the caravan?

What does the eunuch's journey from confusion to rejoicing display (Acts 8:39, Luke 1:14, Acts 5:31)?

GROUP RESPONSE

Does your group have a story within its body about dropping everything (as Philip did) to follow the Holy Spirit's voice?

Does your group have a story within its body about sharing the gospel with an unbeliever which later led to baptism?

REPRODUCE

Ask the Holy Spirit to embolden you as you seek opportunities to proclaim the gospel thereby leading the person to baptism.

KEY VERSES

From the sermon:

- Acts 8:4-40

Additional verses from the study:

- Acts 2:1-13,43
- Acts 6:1-8
- John 4:9
- Acts 1:8
- Deuteronomy 23:1
- Isaiah 53: 7-8
- 1 Kings 18:12
- 2 Kings 2:16
- Ezek 3:12
- Luke 1: 14
- Acts 5:31