

SHARING THE WORD: EVANGELIZING USING THE WORD

ACTS 8:25-40

Read This First

The good news of Jesus Christ is life changing and needs to be shared with the world! Using Philip the evangelist's encounter with the Ethiopian eunuch in Acts 8:25-40 as our example, we'll seek to understand the gospel and how we can share this GREAT news with others.

Relate to It

Spend time talking about the following:

What is your favorite iPhone App? Why?

What is the best restaurant in your city?

Which store has the best deals in town?

Have you ever told anyone about these? Why?

Reflect on It

1. Read Acts 8:25-40 together out loud. Answer the questions from Day 1 -- READ homework. Make sure everyone understands the basic story.
2. Talk about Philip.
 - What was his background?
 - What special criteria, if any, did he have to share the gospel?
 - How did he respond to the Spirit's prompting?
3. Who told you about Jesus? What special training, if any, did they have? (Allow several group members to share. You will probably find that many came to know the Lord from a friend or family member--who did not have any special seminary training.)

4. Discuss the heart of the gospel message as found in 1 Corinthians 15:1-4.

- death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus

Why is this such good news? Allow group members to talk, then guide them through the following questions, asking them to share Scriptures that support their answers.

- What is our condition outside of Jesus? -- broken relationship; separated from God because of our sins (Rom. 6:23; Eph. 2:1,12)

- What is a believer's position because of Jesus? -- restored relationship; God views us through the lens of Christ's righteousness--because His blood covers our sin, we have a clean slate (1 Pet. 2:24; 2 Cor. 5:17)

- Does it matter the number of sins we have committed? No. All have sinned. We are all guilty before God, therefore we all need a Savior. (Rom. 3:23; Col. 1:13-14)

- How does a restored relationship with God begin? God did the work (grace), but we need to respond (through faith)--(Eph. 2:8-9)

- Talk about the 5 steps toward a restored relationship with God.

Hear (Rom. 10:17); Believe (John 3:16); Repent (Acts 2:37-38); Confess (Rom. 10:9-10); Be Baptized (Gal. 3:27)

5. Using the darkness/light analogy, talk about the difference Christ has made in your life.

Remember It

If your group is larger than six, break down into smaller groups (no more than five or six in one group.) Then do the following:

1. Pair up so you can say your memory verses to one another. Explain why you chose that particular verse.
2. Ask each member to think about and pray over the name of someone they can share the gospel with this week.
3. Pray for boldness for Christ's church, that we might declare the good news of Jesus.