

## **Who Needs to Hear Your Story? (Acts 8:25-40)**

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### **Your Story**

- *Have you trusted Christ as your Savior?*
- *Who are some of the persons the Lord used to bring you to salvation?*

**Big idea:** You have a story someone needs to hear!

1) Be sensitive to the leading of the Spirit.

\* Philip was sensitive to the leadership of the Holy Spirit to share the gospel.

- a. (v. 26) Now the angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, "Arise and go..." (NKJV)
- b. The Holy Spirit will lead you to those ready to hear your story!

2) Tell them about Jesus.

\* Philip began where the man was and led him to Jesus.

- a. (v. 35) "Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him" (NKJV).
- b. Churches have been commissioned to proclaim the good news.
- c. I Timothy 1:15: "... Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners ..."

3) Give them a chance to respond!

- a. (vv. 36-37) "Now as they went down the road, they came to some water. And the eunuch said, 'See here is water. What hinders me from being baptized?' Then 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.'" (NKJV)

Lessons learned:

- 1) Philip was sensitive to the leadership of the Holy Spirit to share the gospel.
- 2) Philip began where the man was and led him to Jesus. "One sows, another waters, but only God can give the increase" (1 Corinthians 3:6).

Who needs to hear your story?

- **F**riend, **R**elative, work **A**ssociate, **N**eighbor.
- Begin to pray for them.
- Be sensitive to the Spirit's leading.
- Be ready to share your testimony.

What now?

- Do you know **3** persons who are *unchurched* or *unsaved*?
- Write the names of **3** persons you know who are *unchurched* or *unsaved* and *begin to pray for them daily*. Pray for boldness and share your story.
- Do you have questions about Jesus? Now is your chance to respond.
- Have you followed through in believer's baptism like we see the eunuch doing?