



G – Gather for Prayer

Father,

You are a saving God! When I was far from you, you made a way for reconciliation. Use me to help others engage the gospel of Jesus Christ.

In Jesus' Name, Amen

R – Read the Text (Acts 8:14-24)

²⁵ So, when they had solemnly testified and spoken the word of the Lord, they started back to Jerusalem, and were preaching the gospel to many villages of the Samaritans.

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.) 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. 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. 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."

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. 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. 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.

O – Observe what God has said

What made the eunuch an unusual target for the gospel?

How did Philip engage the eunuch? What might this teach us about how we ought to engage others?

W – Work on Application

The mission is ongoing and it is our to seize even today. Where is God calling you? For whom can you serve as a guide, pointing the way to Jesus? While God may not send the angel of the Lord to a desert road, we have our marching orders in His recorded word to preach the gospel to every living creature and make disciples of all nations. In what ways are you engaged in that? In what ways is our church engaged in that? This isn't something we have to do; it is something we get to do because of Christ's

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work in our own hearts. Though we were once outsiders, ashamed, and in judgment, God has brought us near, saved us, and offers us hope. Now he calls us out on mission. Will we answer the call? Will we go? Will we be used?

What keeps us from the mission?

How might we be guilty of overcomplicating our role in God's mission?

Family Weekly Memory Verse: *"So, when they had solemnly testified and spoken the word of the Lord, they started back to Jerusalem, and were preaching the gospel to many villages of the Samaritans.." -Acts 8:25*