

TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

THE ONGOING WORK OF JESUS BY THE SPIRIT THROUGH THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD

The Book of Acts - Part 18

GUIDES NEEDED FOR THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED

The Church Scattered: A Church without Borders

(Acts 8:25-40)

INTRODUCTION:

"Do you understand what you are reading?"

And he said, "Well, **how could I, unless someone guides me?"**"

—Acts 8:30-31

THE CONTEXT OF ACTS 8: THE GLOBAL MISSION EXTENDS BEYOND JERUSALEM

"And on that day a great persecution began against the church in Jerusalem, and **they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria**, except the apostles." (v. 1)

THE DOMINO EFFECT IN THE GLOBAL MISSION: (Acts 6-9)

1. Stephen, the _____ (Acts 6-7)
2. Philip, the _____ (Acts 8)
3. Paul, the _____ (Acts 9)

THE CULTURAL IMPACT OF THE GLOBAL MISSION: (Acts 7-9)

1. Jerusalem & Judea (Jewish): _____ Culture
2. Samaria (Jew/Gentile Mix): _____ Culture
3. Ends of the Earth (Gentiles): _____ Culture

THE PASSAGE:

1. A _____ ON THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED: (v. 26-29)

"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...** ²⁹ Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go up and join this chariot.'"

2. A _____ ON THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED: (v. 30-38)

"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..."

3. A _____ ON THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED: (v. 39-40)

"When they came up out of the water, **the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away**; and the eunuch no longer saw him,..."

THE PRINCIPLES:

WHAT WE LEARN ABOUT...

1A. ...THE ROLE OF THE _____ IN WORLD EVANGELISM:

- It is the Holy Spirit who _____ and _____ the church to fulfill its mission.

“...but **you will receive power** when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and **you shall be My witnesses...**”

—Acts 1:8

- Be _____ to the Holy Spirit.

“And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go up and join this chariot.”
And **when Philip had run up...**”

2A. ...THE ROLE OF THE _____ IN WORLD EVANGELISM:

- The focus is on the _____ and not the _____.

“...and **beginning from this Scripture he preached Jesus to him.**”

—Acts 8:35

- Be _____ to _____ and remember to focus on Jesus.

“**Please tell me**, of whom does the prophet say this? Of himself or of someone else?”

3A. ...THE ROLE OF THE _____ IN WORLD EVANGELISM:

- It is the _____ and not the _____ who experience saving faith.

“You have no part or portion in this matter, for **your heart is not right before God.**”

—Acts 8:21-23

“[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.’]”

—Acts 8:37*

- Be _____ that when _____ finds _____ lives _____.

“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 8:38

CONCLUSION: