Other Stories 1.7.12

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Remember: you do not have to do the entire study (you may not have time) – you can choose what questions you want to discuss.

## Read Acts 8:26-38

- 1. What was the angel of the Lord's command to Philip once he saw the Ethiopian's chariot?
- 2. What did Philip do and say? How did he start things off?
- 3. How long do you think Philip stayed with the chariot? Why is this important?
- 4. Why is it so important to listen to others' stories?
- 5. Has there been a time when others have listened to your story? What was that like for you? How did you feel?
- 6. What happens to evangelism when all we do is talk? How does listening to others deepen our encounter with them?
- 7. What did Jesus often do and say when people came to him asking what they had to do to gain eternal life? Why is this significant?
- 8. "Evangelism is 60% questions, 30% building intrigue, and 10% us talking." Rebecca Pippert, Out of the Saltshaker and into the World

What do you think of this statement? Do you think it is true?

- 9. "Most people need to tell their own story because they have never heard it." Why do you think this is?
- 10. Spend some time discussing what qualities good listening requires. What do we need to do when we are listening? How can we listen most effectively?

## Prayer points:

 Pray for opportunities to stay close to others and to ask questions and listen to their stories.