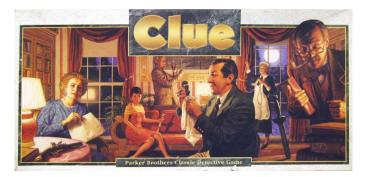
# YOU HAVE TO GET A CLUE TO GIVE A CLUE

The Games of Life: Part 7

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# HOW TO CLUE OTHERS IN

## 1. I HAVE TO GET IN THE GAME IF I WANT TO BE USED BY GOD.

"The believers who were scattered preached the Good News about Jesus wherever they went. Philip, for example, went to the city of Samaria and told the people there about the Messiah." (Acts 8:4–5, NLT)

"As for Philip, an angel of the Lord said to him, "Go south down the desert road that runs from Jerusalem to Gaza."" (Acts 8:26, NLT)

"Then I heard the Lord asking, "Whom should I send as a messenger to this people? Who will go for us?" I said, "Here I am. Send me."" (Isaiah 6:8, NLT)

## 2. I NEED TO BE <u>LOOKING</u> AND <u>LISTENING</u> FOR OPPORTUNITIES TO SHARE.

"So he started out, and he met the treasurer of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under the Kandake, the queen of Ethiopia..." (Acts 8:27a, NLT)

"By **<u>chance</u>** a priest came along. But when he saw the man lying there, he crossed to the other side of the road and passed him by." (Luke 10:31, NLT)

**EVERYONE** needs Jesus!

## 3. I NEED TO BE SENSITIVE TO A PERSON'S SPIRITUAL RECEPTIVITY.

"...The eunuch had gone to Jerusalem to worship, and he was now returning. Seated in his carriage, he was reading aloud from the book of the prophet Isaiah." (Acts 8:27–28, NLT)

What moves people on the scale? PAIN, PROBLEMS, PRESSURE & CHANGE

#### 4. I NEED TO DO MORE <u>LISTENING</u> THAN TALKING.

"The Holy Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and walk along beside the carriage."" (Acts 8:29, NLT)

"After he has gathered his own flock, he walks ahead of them, and they follow him because they know his voice." (John 10:4, NLT)

#### 5. I NEED TO USE CONVERSATIONAL COURTESY.

- Begin with their <u>INTERESTS</u>.
  "Philip ran over and heard the man reading from the prophet Isaiah. Philip asked,
  "Do you understand what you are reading?"" (Acts 8:30, NLT)
- b. Let them control the <u>PACE AND DEPTH</u> of the conversation.
  "He said, 'How can I understand unless someone will give me the clue?' So he asked Philip to get in and sit beside him." (Acts 8:31, NEB)
- c. Be ready to address <u>SINCERE</u> spiritual questions. "The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, was the prophet talking about himself or someone else?" (Acts 8:34, NLT)

"...Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect..." (1 Peter 3:15–16, NIV)

#### 6. REALIZE, I HAVEN'T FULLY WITNESSED IF I HAVEN'T FULLY EXPLAINED THE GOSPEL.

"So beginning with this same Scripture, Philip told him the Good News about Jesus." (Acts 8:35, NLT)

Remember, it's my job to share truth, it's God's job to **TRANSFORM**.

#### 7. I NEED TO INVITE THEM TO TAKE THEIR FIRST STEP!

"As they rode along, they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "Look! There's some water! Why can't I be baptized?"" (Acts 8:36, NLT)

#### ACTION STEP SHARE CLASS – THIS SATURDAY!