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January Bible Study (1/20/21)

“Spread the Word”

Acts 8:26-40

²⁶ Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is a desert place. ²⁷ And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸ and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹ And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.” ³⁰ So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” ³¹ And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³² Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this: “Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth. ³³ In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.” ³⁴ And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” ³⁵ Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶ And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?” ³⁸ And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. ³⁹ And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰ But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

I. What can we learn from PHILLIP?

1. Heard the Angel of the Lord’s instructions to go to a deserted place (v.26)
2. Obeyed the voice of the Angel and went without hesitation (v.27)
3. Saw a confused court official reading the scriptures (v.28)
4. Heard the Angel tell him to go and meet the stranger where he was (v.29)
5. Inquired about the man’s understanding of the Word (v.30)
6. Was willing to sit with this stranger in his moment of uncertainty (v.31)
7. Studied the Word of God with the Eunuch (v.32-33)
8. Listened to the man’s questions (v.34)
9. Enthusiastically shared the Gospel of Christ (v.35)
10. Walked with the Eunuch along the road of life (v.36-37)
11. Baptized the Eunuch outside the synagogue (v.38)
12. Allowed the Spirit of the Lord to use him and carry him away (v.39)
13. Experienced God expanding his ministry to reach more people (v.40)

II. What should we know about the book of ACTS?

1. It is a **CONTINUATION** of the Gospel of Luke.
2. It **CONCENTRATES** on the Acts of the Holy Spirit.
3. It **CHRONICLES** the birth of the Christian Church.

III. What should we know about the author LUKE?

1. He is a **PHYSICIAN** turned Gospel writer.
2. He **POINTS** out more details than the other Gospel writers.
3. He **PORTRAYS** vividly Jesus’ ministry to the marginalized.

IV. Who was PHILLIP the Evangelist?

1. Phillip was One the 7 disciples chosen in Acts 6.
2. Phillip the Evangelist is different from Phillip the Apostle.
3. One of 4 Phillips described in the Bible.

V. Have you recently told someone about JESUS?

1. If we can register people to vote, we can recruit them to give their lives to Jesus.
2. If we can encourage people to do early voting, we can encourage them to give their lives to Jesus early.
3. If we can get excited about a new President in office, we can get excited about our Savior Jesus on the throne.
4. If COVID-19 can have a negative impact, Christians can have a positive impact.