

THE BOOK OF ACTS

Divine Appointments

Acts 8:5-6 (NIV) “Philip went down to a city in Samaria and proclaimed the Christ there. ⁶When the crowds heard Philip and saw the miraculous signs he did, they all paid close attention to what he said.”

Acts 8:7-8 (NIV) “With shrieks, evil spirits came out of many, and many paralytics and cripples were healed. ⁸So there was great joy in that city.”

Acts 8:12 (NIV) “. . . they believed Philip as he preached the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.”

Acts 8:26 (NIV) “Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, ‘Go south to the road-the desert road-that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.’”

Acts 8:27 (NIV) “So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians.”

Acts 8:27-29 (NIV) “This man (the Ethiopian) had gone to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the book of Isaiah the prophet. ²⁹The Spirit told Philip, ‘Go to that chariot and stay near it.’”

Acts 8:30-31 (NIV) “Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. ‘Do you understand what you are reading?’ Philip asked. ³¹‘How can I,’ he said, ‘unless someone explains it to me?’”

Acts 8:31b-32 (NIV) “So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³²The eunuch was reading this passage of Scripture: ‘He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before the shearer is silent, so he did not open his mouth.’”

Acts 8:34-35 (NIV) “The eunuch asked Philip, ‘Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?’ ³⁵Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.”

Acts 8:36, 38, (NIV) “As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, ‘Look, here is water. Why shouldn't I be baptized?’ . . . ³⁸and Philip baptized him.”

Next Baptism Class
July 18th @ 12PM
CP live, Building B

Acts 8:39 (NIV) “When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing.”

Acts 8:40 (NIV) “Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and traveled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.”

HOW TO HAVE MORE DIVINE APPOINTMENTS:

1. Understand the partnership.

John 20:21-22 (NIV) “Again Jesus said, ‘Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.’”

²²And with that he breathed on them and said, 'Receive the Holy Spirit.'

Acts 1:8 (NIV) "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

2 Chronicles 16:9 (NIV) "For the eyes of the LORD range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him."

2. Respond to the leadings of the Holy Spirit to the best of your ability.

Acts 8:26-27_a (NIV) "'Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' ²⁷So he started out . . ."

Psalms 40:8_a (NIV) "David said, 'I desire to do your will, O my God . . .'"

3. Tune into the people around you.

Acts 8:30_b (NIV) "'Do you understand what you are reading?' Philip asked."

4. Bring it back to Jesus.

Acts 8:35 (NIV) "Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus."

How to bring it back to Jesus:

Invite them to church

Get Jesus in the conversation somehow

Give them a book (More than a Carpenter)

Give them a New Testament

Offer to pray for them

Recommend a sermon or our website