

(Matthew 10:2-4)

**I. Philip the \_\_\_\_\_**

John 1:43 "The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter."

**A. God is Calling You**

Luke 19:10 "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

John 6:44a "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him."

John 1:44-45 "Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.'"

**B. See Christ in \_\_\_\_\_**

John 1:41 "He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which means Christ)."

**C. Come and See!**

John 1:46 "Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.'"

**II. Philip the \_\_\_\_\_**

John 6:5 "Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?'"

John 6:6 "He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do."

**A. Include \_\_\_\_\_ in Your Calculations**

John 6:7 "Philip answered him, 'Two hundred denarii worth of bread would not be enough for each of them to get a little.'"

**1. Philip is Saying, "The Problem is \_\_\_\_\_"**

John 6:8-9 "One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, 'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?'"

**2. Andrew is Saying, "What I Have Is \_\_\_\_\_"**

John 6:10-11 "Jesus said, 'Have the people sit down.' Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted"

**B. Jesus Teaches Through a Miracle**

John 6:12-13 "And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost.' So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves left by those who had eaten."

John 6:14 "When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, 'This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!'"

**III. Philip the \_\_\_\_\_**

John 12:19b "the world has gone after him."

**A. Be \_\_\_\_\_ to Unbelievers**

John 12:20-21 "Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.'"

**B. Get \_\_\_\_\_ From Others**

John 12:22-23 "Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. And Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.'"

**IV. Philip the \_\_\_\_\_**

John 14:6-7 "Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'"

**A. A Question for Jesus**

John 14:8 "Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.'"

**B. Experience the Reality of the \_\_\_\_\_  
(John 14:11-12; 8:24)**

John 14:9-10 "Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works.'"

John 14:13-14 "Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it."



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### 1. Familiarize Yourself With the Passage and the Gospels

- a. Read John 1:43-50; 6:1-15; Acts 6:5; 8:4-8, 26-40; 21:8

### 2. Introduction to the Passage (Feel free to use this as a reference guide as you discuss the passage)

Historical/Literary Context: Who was Philip? Philip is one of the lesser-known disciples, but the Apostle John and Luke (in Acts) seems to give us the most information about him. In the synoptic gospels, Philip only appears in the lists of the 12 (Matthew 10:3; Mark 3:18). He appears more prominently in John's gospel (see references in question 3a). There is debate about whether the Apostle Philip is the same Philip mentioned throughout the book of Acts among modern scholars.

I lean towards it being the same person for three reasons. First, the natural reading of Acts 6:5 and the rest of the times he is mentioned in Acts is to think it is the same person mentioned in Acts 1:13. Second, it would be odd for Luke, when introducing Philip in 6:5, not to give a title of some kind if it was a different Philip than the Apostle (Acts 6:5). Third, it would make sense for an Apostle to oversee and be involved with this new group of servants leaders. Church history seems to think it was the same person. Philip seemed to have a fruitful ministry in Caesarea raising a family and evangelizing to many people. His four daughters had the gift of prophecy (Acts 21:8), and Papias (an early eyewitness and disciple of the Apostle John) met Philip's daughters in person and was encouraged by their gift of prophecy.<sup>1</sup> While Papias spent time with them, he had witnessed a person being raised from the dead.<sup>2</sup> Philip and his family eventually moved to Asia, where he and some of his daughters were buried in Hierapolis, where Papias eventually served as Bishop.<sup>3</sup>

### 3. Questions About the Passage

- a. Here are some of the passages about Philip (John 1:43-45; 6:5-7; 14:8-11). What observations do you make about Philip's character, personality, and relationship to Jesus?
- b. Why do you think Philip doubted Jesus in the account of the feeding of the five thousand (John 6:7)?
- c. What do you think he was looking for that he didn't see in Jesus or that he was blind to in regards to Jesus (John 14:8)?

- d. Philip (possibly a different Philip, although I am inclined not to think so) is mentioned in Acts 6 as one of those chosen to serve the Greek-speaking Jews along with Stephen (Acts 6:3-5). What does this tell you about Philip's character? Why do you think they'd pick an apostle (Philip) to be a part of this group?
- e. What does Acts 8:4-8, 26-40 and 21:8 tell us about one of Philip's primary gifts? Why is it significant that he went to Samaria? (Note the "Sons of Thunder" wanting to rain down fire on Samaria in Luke 9:54)

### 4. From the Passage to Life

- a. Similar to Philip, do you doubt Jesus in your life and why? What have been some things that Jesus has been doing in your life to grow and increase your faith?
- b. Philip shows us the natural inquisition of humanity to want to see God (John 14:8; and Moses in Exodus 33:13). Do you have a desire to see and experience God?
- c. Based on Philip's questions in John 14:8, he lacked a divine perception toward Jesus and contentment in his relationship with Jesus. Is Jesus sufficient for you in your life or do you look for other things in this world to satisfy your heart?
- d. How do Philip's evangelistic encounters challenge you to be more concerned about the spiritually lost?

<sup>1</sup> Eusebius's Ecclesiastical History, 3.39.9.

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<sup>3</sup> F.F. Bruce, The Book of the Acts, Rev. NICNT (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1988), 400.