



ACTS

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Sermon Guide

WEEK 9

EVANGELISM

Read: Acts 8:4-40

Consider:

We often think of evangelism as an event where you go from door to door and give people tracts about Jesus. But what happens when someone from Texas is trying to find Hope Church, the church they grew up going to, but somehow finds Hope Fellowship instead? What if this person fills out a connection card that says, “I want to explore Christianity” and asks to schedule a phone call with someone? What do you do? You do what Phillip does with the Ethiopian Eunuch; you take the thirty minutes God has entrusted to you with Tyler. You answer his questions and do everything you can to help him take his next step toward belief in Christ.

Though many have come to Christ through evangelistic events, door to door witnessing, and crusades, evangelism is less about an event and more about being ready at all times to share Jesus whenever we have the chance. And yes, Texas Ty is a real story! Pray he may see the light of the gospel.

Engage:

1. Are you always ready to share the gospel? If not, how can you change that?
2. When was the last time you shared the gospel? If it's been more than a month, answer why.
3. Is there a specific way you have found effective to share the gospel with millennials, empty nesters, the de-churched, the unchurched, or academics?

Practice:

1. This week, identify one friend you have on Facebook who you know is not a believer. Spend a few days praying for them, and then make contact with them to set up a time to talk to them about Jesus. Facebook messenger conversations are accepted as well. Come to group next week prepared to share your experience.
2. When you share the gospel with someone, start by telling them your personal testimony. Don't just tell people about a man who saves, but tell them, specifically, how he saved YOU, a sinner.

Apply:

1. Share the gospel at least once a month with someone. You can work through your Facebook friends list if you need to find people to share with. Start this month and plan to check in with your group monthly on how that is going.
2. Pray for the following missionaries and church plants as they make disciples.

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