

Connect Group Guide: “Philip The Evangelist”

Passage: Acts 8:9-40

Sermon Link: [▶ Philip The Evangelist | Acts: Part 12](#)

Welcome:

(Choose a question for your group to discuss)

- What do you know about Philip from the book of Acts?
- Who did you hear the gospel from the first time?

Worship:

(You may choose to use YouTube or other mediums to facilitate your time of worship)

- [▶ Christ Be Magnified - Cory Asbury](#)

Word:

(Discuss these questions in your group, encourage everyone to take part)

Before reading the scripture:

- Have you ever heard someone share the gospel message well? What elements of how they shared it resonated with you?
- What has stuck with you from our series in Acts so far?

Read: Acts 8:9-40

- Philip was persecuted but filled with the Spirit. Please share your thoughts on this statement...
- Verse 12 states that many believed and were baptised because Philip taught them about Christ. Have you ever been able to teach someone about Christ who ended up giving their life to him? Please share...

- This story about Philip occurs in Samaria, not in Jerusalem where the other Apostles had been preaching up until now. Philip was the first to take the gospel outside of Jerusalem, knowing that he would be heavily persecuted in Samaria too. Yet, Philip saw many lives changed. How does this act of obedience encourage you?
- In verse 19 Simon did not ask to be filled by the Holy Spirit, but only wanted to “do” what the Apostles did. How can you and I sometimes fall into the same trap, focussing on what we can do instead of who God is?
- Philip left a “successful” ministry out of obedience to God in order to share the gospel with 1 Ethiopian man. How does this affect how we view success?
- Peter and John preached on the way home to Jerusalem because Philip started a fire within them. How do others sometimes encourage us to share our faith in Jesus?

Works:

(Take some time for personal reflecting on the following questions and then share back with the group)

- What does it look like for you to be obedient to what God has called you for now?
- How can you follow Jesus and not the crowd?
- In what ways do you identify with Simon and in what ways do you identify with Philip in this story?
- Who has God placed on your heart to share the gospel with?

Closing:

(Remember to ask for prayer requests.)

- Pray that we may be obedient and bold in our pursuit of knowing Jesus more intimately, and as we share his good news with others.

