

Title: Building Relational Bridges
Scripture: Acts 8:26-40; Luke 10:1-9

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Walk-in: Last week we looked at the issue of the lostness of people. Do you recall the core value? ***Lost People matter to God. He wants them found.*** (Quick review)

First, let's look at some CHANGES.

How does our mind set need to change?

It can either be ministry as **STATUS QUO** or ministry as **MISSION**.

Second, acknowledge three fundamental NEEDS:

TRANSCENDENCE

SIGNIFICANCE

COMMUNITY

Thirdly, make the hard CHOICES.

Four basic reasons why almost 200 million people in North America will not be in church this weekend:

Finally, accept the CHALLENGES.

Today I want to return to the story of Philip to observe a few **P** of bridge building to lost people.

Principle No. 1: Be O to the prompting of God's Spirit. *"Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Go south to the road - the desert road- that goes from Jerusalem to Gaza. So he started out..." (Acts 8:26,27a)*

His previous involvement. (Acts 6:5; 8:4ff)

Principle No. 2: Watch for D A.
"... on his way he met..." (Acts 8:27 a)

The **M** of **P**. Luke 10:1-12

Principle No. 3: Ask A Q.
"Do you understand what you are reading?" (Acts 8:30)

Principle No. 4: F on the Word. *"Then Philip began with that very passage of scripture and told him the good news about Jesus." (Acts 8:35)*

Wrap-up: Last week I gave you a Most Wanted List to begin to specifically pray for those people the Lord brings to your mind with whom you have relationships or with whom you are prompted to build relationships. Prayer is always the starting point for building relationships that God can orchestrate into divine appointments. Keep praying! Keep watching! Keep rejoicing over His providential working! And let the results up to Him!