

"THE SOUL PATROL"

Acts 8:25 – 40 / Pastor Matt Jones

Divine Commission

(Acts 8:27-28)

Driving Chariot

(Acts 8:29)

Divine Command

(Acts 8:30)

Documenting Christ

(Acts 8:31-35, cf. Is. 53:7-8)

Displaying Conversion

(Acts 8:36-38)

Duty Calls

(Acts 8:39-40)

COMMUNITY GROUP QUESTIONS

Reflective Questions for You and Your Small Group

ICEBREAKER: What have you learned recently about yourself from another person? Was it hard to accept or easy?

1. In verse 26 Philip was called to leave a place of comfort and company (Samaria) to go to a place of distress and desolation (Gaza road). Have you ever sensed God leading you to do something or go somewhere that was out of your comfort zone? Have you been compelled by a direct command of Scripture to abandon something that was comfortable (like sin or even just complacency) in order to do something that seemed difficult (like holiness or commitment to something virtuous)?
2. The Ethiopian Eunuch was a powerful government official who assumedly was intimidating to approach. Are there people in your life that need to hear about Christ but intimidation keeps you from sharing His love? How can you break the wall of intimidation in order to share the gospel with them soon?
3. Read Acts 8:26 – 40. What were the factors involved in the Ethiopian eunuch's becoming a Christian? What factors were involved in your personal salvation? Share your testimony (even if others have heard it – our testimony of God's saving grace should never become old).
4. The Ethiopian Eunuch was leaving Jerusalem empty handed because he did not understand the Scripture. Are there areas of the Scripture that you do not understand and perhaps experience emptiness unknowingly as a result of this deficiency in your understanding? What were the implications of the Eunuch's deficiency in his understanding of Isaiah?
5. People refer to different kinds of evangelism, such as door-to-door, friendship, mass and tract evangelism. What kinds of evangelism do you observe throughout this passage? What do we learn about the simplicity of evangelistic methodology from this passage?
6. What have you learned from this passage or perhaps been reminded of in the sermon that might help you become a more effective witness?
7. In Acts 8, Luke parallels two characters (Simon the Magician with the Ethiopian Eunuch) and their responses to God. Compare and contrast these two.
8. Philip did some amazing things in Acts 8. Remember where his ministry started in Acts 6. Before he led great revivals, he was a table server. Why is it important that ministry begins in humble service? Have you met someone with big dreams for serving God, yet they do not enjoy "waiting tables"? In your personal life, have you struggled with finding joy in the little-things and the mundane? What challenges are you facing recently when it comes to joy in life?