

Part 17 | **Philip & the Ethiopian Eunuch** Acts 8:26-40

God puts us in the **RIGHT PLACE** (v. 26-28)

God's sovereignty v. 26

our obedience v. 27

at the **RIGHT TIME** (v. 29-34)

start where others are at, not with what you know Acts 17:22-23ff

seek to understand, not to be understood 1 Corinthians 9:19-23

to be his **WITNESS**. (v. 35-40)

P.E.A.R.L. (Pray, Eat, Ask, Reveal, Love)

tell what Jesus did, not what they must do



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Study Guide

Questions & Scripture for Further Study

What is this? – Each week people from Wawasee Bible meet in small groups in various homes to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, & live life together. **We call them Life Groups.** The questions here are based on the sermon each week (often a related part of Scripture), and guide each group's study. If you're interested in connecting with a Life Group, let us know on a Connect Card or at the Connect Desk!

Welcome to Life Group!

Each week we'll spend part of our time getting to know more about one another.

Share with the Group:

What comes to your mind when you think of the term "evangelism" or "witnessing"?

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, *was there anything you heard for the first time, that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you? —*

Take time to review and discuss what stood out to you from this week's message.

Digging Deeper

Use this guide for further personal and group study this week. For the most impact in your life and in your group, *work through it on your own before you gather with your Life Group.* If your Life Group isn't gathering this week, use this guide for further study personally.

1. Josh mentioned that when it comes to impacting others, we start where others are, not with what we know. Because people can't be argued or forced into the Kingdom, our goal is to walk alongside them with grace and mercy. Take some time to study the following passages, then answer the questions that follow.

Circle or highlight any words or phrases that catch your attention.

– **Underline** what you think is important to remember.

– **Put an X** next to anything that confuses you.

²² Flee the evil desires of youth and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who

call on the Lord out of a pure heart. ²³ Don't have anything to do with foolish and stupid arguments,

because you know they produce quarrels. ²⁴ And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but must

be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful. ²⁵ Opponents must be gently instructed, in the hope

that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth, ²⁶ and that they will

come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will.

2 TIMOTHY 2:22-26 (NIV)

Welcome to Wawasee!

OUR MISSION

We are *sent* to love people and invite them to follow Jesus with us.

YOUR PATHWAY

If you call Wawasee Bible “home”, we challenge you to pursue **three things**:

1. Gather



Show up *regularly* and gather with us for worship.

2. Grow



Don't just show up, *grow up* spiritually and connect in a growth ministry like Life Groups.

3. Go!



Go and serve somewhere. Contribute as much *or more than* you consume!

Word Find in the Word

Find the words from a passage related to this week's message.

Word Find for Acts 8:35-39 (NirV)

Find the words **bolded** below.

35 Then Philip began with that **same part** of Scripture. He **told** him the **good news** about **Jesus**. **36-37 As they traveled** along the **road**, they **came to some water**. The **official said**, “**Look! Here is water!** Why shouldn't I be **baptized?**” **38 He gave orders to stop** the **chariot**. **Then both Philip and the official went** down into the **water**. **Philip baptized** him. **39 When they came up out of the water**, the **Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away**. The **official** did not see him **again**. He **went** on his way full of joy.

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¹⁸ Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

¹⁹ This is how we know that we belong to the truth and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence:

²⁰ If our hearts condemn us, we know that God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything.

1 JOHN 3:18-20 (NIV)

- How might the passages above help us be sensitive as we seek to share the Gospel with people we're coming alongside?
- What guidelines do you see in these passages for how you can share Jesus with others?
- This week Josh said we should “win people, not the point” (or “win people, not arguments”). What did he mean? Do you see that principle in these passages?

2. The Apostle Paul is an example of someone who made an incredible impact on people. In **Philippians 1:12-14** and **Colossians 4:2-6**, we see that even while in prison his desire was to talk with people about Jesus. What do we learn about Paul's attitude regarding sharing the Gospel from these passages?

- Do you see Paul's attitude reflected in Philip's actions anywhere in Acts 8?
- What does Paul's prayer request suggest is important about his dependence on God?
- How might Paul's instructions influence the way you walk through doors God opens for you?

3. Is there someone in your life you are building an intentional relationship with right now? If so, what is the next step? If not, who is someone in your circle of influence that you could build an intentional relationship with?

- Are you pursuing them as a “project” or as an actual friend? (Be sure it's as a friend!)

Prayer

As you close, take time to pray for each other. **Divide into separate groups of men and women and pray for one another.**

Much of this week's Study Guide is adapted from a study by North Coast Church in Vista, CA. North Coast is a sister church of Wawasee Bible and part of the EFCA.



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