



Message Date: November 12, 2023

Message Text: Acts 8

Message Title: This is Meadowbrook - Influence

Big Idea: Lasting influence relies on God's presence.

Questions:

1. What are your feelings when you see an opportunity to share Christ with someone coming?
2. How do your feelings about sharing the gospel change if you are sharing it with someone willing to listen and hospitable to the gospel?
3. Read Acts 8:26. Bryan looked back at the previous section (8:9-13) to bring attention to the way all the people of Samaria had turned away from following Simon the Sorcerer and turned to God after hearing Philip preach the gospel. Why was it significant to hear the situation God asked Philip to leave? Is this a situation you would expect God to call someone out of? Why or why not?
4. Read Acts 8:26-31. What did it look like for Philip to obey God?
5. Philip's curiosity about how God was asking him to get involved in the Ethiopian's life (see vs. 30) led him to ask questions. In what ways did his curiosity open the door for him to see what God wanted him to do next?
6. How do you display your curiosity about how God could use you in the lives of those you interact with?
7. Why do you think the Ethiopian official responds to his interaction with Philip in such a drastic way by not only inviting Philip in, but also asking to be baptized?
8. Where do you see God at work? What do you feel called to?
9. Do you agree that obeying God is often uncomfortable and disruptive to your life? If so, share a short example so others can see what this looks like.

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1 PHILIP LISTENS.

The Holy Spirit leads and Philip merely listens to understand.

2 PHILIP ASKS QUESTIONS.

"Do you understand?"

3 PHILIP IS INVITED.

The Ethiopian invites Philip to sit with him to explain Isaiah.

4 PHILIP TELLS.

sharing the Good News from Isaiah 53 to the Ethiopian official.

5 PHILIP DOESN'T PUSH OR PRESS.

Philip allows God to lead with the Ethiopian official's curiosity about scripture.

THE *good* NEWS
Is that *outsiders* are
WELCOMED in Jesus' NEW
ECONOMY. Lasting INFLUENCE
relies on God's PRESENCE.