

Life Group Notes: Spirit prompted mission

Bible Reading

Read Acts 8:1–8 and Acts 8:26–38 together.

Background

Acts 8 takes place after the martyrdom of Stephen. Persecution breaks out against the church in Jerusalem, causing believers to scatter throughout Judea and Samaria. What seemed like a devastating setback actually became the means by which the gospel spread beyond Jerusalem, just as Jesus had promised in Acts 1:8.

Philip, one of the seven chosen to serve in Acts 6, becomes a key figure in this chapter. He ministers publicly in Samaria and then personally to one Ethiopian official on a desert road.

Discussion Questions – choose some of the following...

Acts 8:1–8

1. What stands out to you about the believers' response to persecution?
2. Why do you think they continued preaching despite opposition?
3. Have you ever seen God bring good out of a difficult season?
4. How can hardship become an opportunity for spiritual growth and witness?

Acts 8:26–38

5. What impresses you most about Philip's obedience?
6. How is the Holy Spirit at work in different ways in this story? What might we learn from this?
7. How comfortable are you with talking about your faith with others?
8. Who helped you understand the gospel, and how did that impact your life?

Personal Reflection

Take some time in quiet to listen to God...

9. Is there someone in your life whom God may be prompting you to encourage or share with?
 10. What is one step of obedience God may be asking you to take this week?
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Prayer Focus

- Pray for courage to obey God's leading.
- Pray for opportunities to share the gospel naturally and lovingly.

- Pray for people in your lives who are searching for truth.
- Pray for perseverance during difficult circumstances.
- Ask God to help your group be faithful wherever He sends you.