



Tri-Village Sermon Discussion Questions

Topic: *Philip: Telling Others*

Text: Acts 8:26-40

Service Date: August 10, 2025

Note: The questions are only a starting point for discussion. Don't hesitate to modify, adapt, or highlight only specific ones to fit your group and/or personal study.

Getting Started

- One of the opening illustrations Paul spoke about was how his parents came to faith. If you are a Christian (Christ-follower), how did you come to decide you wanted to follow Jesus? Was there someone influential in your life?
- Do you think that most individuals who aren't Christians are open to discussing Christianity, not open to a discussion, or something else?

Sermon Discussion

- Take a moment to read Acts 8:26-40. From either the text or Sunday sermon, what things stuck out to you?
- What does it mean that we should "Be sensitive to opportunities to share your story of faith"?
- Paul asked the question, "Have you ever felt the nudge from God to share your faith?" How do you answer that question?
- What are some things that typically hold you back from sharing your faith? How can you get past those obstacles and be more intentional about your sharing faith with others?
- Paul told the story of campus minister, Matt Shanz, and the email he received from a student years after giving him a Bible. Have you ever had a similar experience of planting the seed of faith and later finding out it took "root", even years after the seed was planted?

- What are some obstacles that get in your way when trying to share the Gospel (Good News)?
- Reflecting on your own personal experience, what do you think is the most important thing to remember when sharing Jesus and your faith with others?
- Often, when we share our faith, it forces us to look to our own spiritual life and reflect upon whether or not we are living in a way that Christ has called us. Here are a few examples:

- >Talk about needing to be in church each week but aren't there yourself due to commitments such as with sports or staying out to late on Saturday.
- >Living above reproach but posting inappropriate content online.
- >Wanting to expand your Christian influence but only being with the same individuals.
- >Saying you live sacrificially but not serving or giving.

Do you find that your witness currently matches your life or are there inconsistencies?

- One of the best ways we can witness is to be authentic/transparent in our faith- acknowledging the good and the struggles we've had along the way. Sometimes even acknowledging that you don't have all the answers but are simply doing your best to follow God and what He says in the Bible can make a significant impact. Knowing that you don't have to have all the answers (and that Jesus IS the answer), does it feel like a weight has been lifted?

This Week's Action Response

- Who is someone in your life right now who you can be praying to reach for Christ? What action steps have you taken?