

Let Them Hear

Lesson Three • Acts 8:26-40

The God Who Sends and Saves

Sent to Let Them Hear

God SENDS us to people who need Jesus Christ, but we must be willing to follow the Spirit's leading to "Let Them Hear" the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Now an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, "Arise and go..." Acts 8:26

Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go..." Acts 8:29

For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in Him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" Romans 10:13-15

The God Who Sends and Saves

1. God Sends Us to People Who Are Ready to HEAR the Gospel!

Now an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, "Arise and go toward the south along the road which goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is desert. So he arose and went. And behold, a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under Candace the queen of the Ethiopians, who had charge of all her treasury, and had come to Jerusalem to worship, was returning. And sitting in his chariot, he was reading Isaiah the prophet. Acts 8:26-28

Are We Willing to Go?

Philip goes to a certain PLACE (road to Gaza) to meet a certain PERSON (Ethiopian Eunuch) who is ready to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

A Divine Appointment:

- God ARRANGES the situation in His providence.

- God AWAKENS the seeker to hear the Gospel.

2. God Sends Us to People Who Are Ready to RESPOND to the Gospel!

Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go near and overtake this chariot." So Philip ran to him, and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah, and said, "Do you understand what you are reading?" And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he asked Philip to come up and sit with him. The place in the Scripture which he read was this:

"He was led as a sheep to the slaughter;

And like a lamb silent before its shearer,

So He opened not His mouth.

In His humiliation His justice was taken away.

And who will declare His generation?

For His life is taken from the earth." Isaiah 53:7-8 Acts 8:30-33

The Joy of Salvation:

- Philip EXPLAINED the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

So the eunuch answered Philip and said, "I ask you, of whom does the prophet say this, of himself or of some other man?" Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him. Acts 8:34-35

- The Ethiopian Eunuch responded with SAVING FAITH in Jesus Christ and was baptized.

Now as they went down the road, they came to some water. And the eunuch said, "See, here is water. What hinders me from being baptized?" Then Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." So he commanded the chariot to stand still. And both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him. Acts 8:36-39

The Good News of the Gospel

The Ethiopian Eunuch leaves REJOICING in Jesus and Philip was found PROCLAIMING Jesus.

Now when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught Philip away, so that the eunuch saw him no more; and he went on his way rejoicing. But Philip was found at Azotus. And passing through, he preached in all the cities till he came to Caesarea. Acts 8:39-40

Let Them Hear!

- Be READY to go when God sends you.

- Be OBEDIENT to the Spirit's prompting and leading.

- Be BOLD in sharing the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.