

Are You Prepared to Share the Gospel?

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Read Together

Read the Scripture and overview below before your Life Group meets.

Scripture passage: Acts 8:1-4; 26-40

We never know when God will call on us to *Go there*. A new assignment, a new area of service, a chance meeting that leads to Gospel conversation, in all of these instances preparation is a must. There are some essential truths in the midst of our *going* that will help us as we determine to make sharing our faith *a way of life*. First of all, we need to understand that our assignments are not the same; different people are given different opportunities. Secondly, we don't need to have it "all together" to share the Gospel, but we must come equipped with a willing and obedient spirit. We also find comfort when we recognize that God not only prepares us as we share, but that He also goes before us, preparing the heart of the receiver. In essence, God takes our diverse experiences, our sometimes troubling circumstances, and our willing faith, to bring others to Christ. We are His vessels, used for His glory in every *Go There* experience.

Pray Together

Use the first few minutes of your lesson to lead your group in a focused prayer time.

- **Praise** God for Jesus – our Redeemer, Restorer, and Righteous Savior.
- **Repent** from any disobedience in your walk with Christ.
- **Ask** the Holy Spirit to help you be sensitive to His leading as you share the Gospel.
- **Yield** to the Spirit and trust God to help you tell others about Him.

Discuss Together

Use these questions to engage in an informative and impactful discussion with your Life Group.

- When was the last time you shared your faith-story with someone?
- When was the last time you shared the Gospel with someone who did not know Christ?
- Do you feel ready and equipped to share the Gospel? What holds you back from sharing your faith?

Read Acts 8:1-4.

- Describe the emotional climate after the death of Stephen.
- What were the disciples and Christ followers continuing to do during this difficult time?
- What is your response during times of difficult circumstances? Do you use those times as an opportunity for God to manifest His grace in your life as you continue to share your faith-story with others, or do you instead limit God's work in and through your life during such times?



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Read Acts 8:26-40.

- What did God tell Philip to do?
- What was his response?
- Discuss what Pastor McKinley called “directive guidance” verses “corrective movements” in the lives of believers for new assignments.
- Discuss this truth made by Pastor McKinley regarding facing opposition as a believer:

“God works in our lives in the good things and in the hard things to position us to fulfill His purposes in us. The problem for most is that we want the security of God’s blessings on us more than the assurance that God is using us for His glory.”

- In Acts 27-30 we read about a “divine appointment” for Philip. Talk through Philip’s encounter with the Ethiopian eunuch. What is a “divine appointment”? Have you ever had an experience such as this? Share this with your group.
- How must God have been preparing this man’s heart before He even called Philip? Read Isaiah 53:3-6; 10-11 and discuss the impact of this passage.
- When asked to share the Gospel, we often get caught up in our own fears and apprehensions and fail to recognize the work of the Holy Spirit in the salvation of others. Read John 16:7-11. Whose job is it to perform the work of salvation in a person? Does this knowledge give you peace and power to share the Gospel?
- Are you prepared to share your faith with others? Take time in your Life Group or at home this week and practice sharing the Gospel.

Do Life Together

These questions are meant to encourage you to apply spiritual truth and live on mission for Jesus. It is your Life Group leader’s responsibility to challenge you and hold you accountable to taking steps of growth and faith. Take these questions to heart. Allow the Holy Spirit to prompt you to grow in your role as a disciple and ultimately, a disciple-maker.

- Will you boldly pray and ask God to place someone in your life this week who needs to hear the Gospel?
- Will you share this great gift of salvation with them when God leads you?



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