

Bible Summary-Acts 8

Crazy Conversion

Acts details three different conversion stories beginning with an Ethiopian eunuch. Each story is unique like each of our own stories of Jesus. The eunuch was a man who had been hurt deeply by the brokenness of empire and other people. He was searching for answers but only met rejection until God sent Philip on a three-day journey to open his eyes to Jesus. The eunuch was ready for salvation and humbly listened to Philip's exposition of Isaiah 53. The light goes on and he is baptized finally full of the joy he had been searching for his entire life.

Scriptures: Acts 8:26-40; Hebrews 2:9-10, 2:17-18, 4:15, 5:8-9; John 3:16, Matthew 11:28-30

Bible Questions and Application

(These are here as an aid in facilitating conversation.

There is no obligation to run through every question listed.)

1. The eunuch had it all and was at the top of his game, yet still recognized an emptiness in his life. The Lord brought Philip to him. Can you talk about a time when the Lord brought a Philip to you?
2. Read Acts 8:26-30. Put yourselves in Philip's shoes.
 - a. How would you have responded to God's prompting not knowing the outcome?
 - b. Can you share a time in your life when God gave you what appeared to be a random direction where it turned out to be an experience like Philip's?
3. The eunuch was turned away at the temple because of who he was. After learning about Jesus, he discovers that nothing can separate him from God. As a Christian, what are some barriers, either internal or external, that prevent you from approaching God?
4. Based on Heb 2:17-18, Jesus knows what it's like to be tempted and frail as a human. What should that mean to us today?
5. Do we, as Edgewater, have a 'No Eunuch sign'? What can we do to change that?