

Scripture References

Romans 10:14-15

14 How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? 15 And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

Acts 8:26-31

26 Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” 27 So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian[a] eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means “queen of the Ethiopians”). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, 28 and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. 29 The Spirit told Philip, “Go to that chariot and stay near it.” 30 Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. “Do you understand what you are reading?” Philip asked. 31 “How can I,” he said, “unless someone explains it to me?” So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. 32 This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading:

“He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he did not open his mouth. 33 In his humiliation he was deprived of justice. Who can speak of his descendants? For his life was taken from the earth.”

34 The eunuch asked Philip, “Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?” 35 Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus. 36 As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?” [37] [c] 38 And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. 39 When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing. 40 Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and traveled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.

John 17:18-23

18 As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. 19 For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified. 20 “My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, 21 that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. 22 I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one— 23 I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

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Notes:

Life Group Icebreaker

1. Looking back at this past season of Life Groups what would you like to change? What have you really enjoyed?
2. Thinking back over the message shared this week, was there anything you heard for the first time or that inspired, challenged or confused you?

Discussion Questions

3. Like Peter's story, God is often at work, both on the one being sent with the message and the one the message is sent to. Read Acts 8:26-40 together and answer the following questions:
 - Who sent Philip and what did Philip know about the mission? What important details do we know about the Ethiopian eunuch?
 - Philip had something the Ethiopian needed. What do you think it was?

- What had to happen within Philip (the one being sent) to have this encounter with the Ethiopian eunuch turn out the way it did?
- Where do you see the Holy Spirit at work in this story?
- Where do you see yourself in the story?
- What implications/conclusions can be made for those seeking to be used of God to share the Gospel?

Application Questions & Prayer

4. As you ponder Peter's story from Sunday, Philip's story in the bible, and your own personal story, what is God revealing to you as a next step in being "sent"?
5. Spend some time praying for each other as you end this quarter of Life Groups. Pray that your group would be open and obedient to the call of God "to go and make disciples."