Acts 8:26-40

INTRODUCTION

- * Throughout the Book of Acts we have seen the birth and growth of the church. Jesus commissioned the Apostles to be His witnesses and the Holy Spirit empowered them to proclaim the Gospel. The Holy Spirit then convicted men of sin, righteousness and judgment ... and thousands of men and women responded!
- * Over the past couple of weeks, we have seen how God then used persecution to spread the Gospel message.
- * Last week, specifically, we saw how Saul of Tarsus began to intensify this persecution, causing the church of Jerusalem to scatter.
- * We are then told how Philip went to Samaria which is north of Jerusalem and began to share the gospel with the Samaritans. They received his message and were baptized. Peter and John were sent from Jerusalem to validate what they had heard, and discovered that indeed the Samaritans were following Christ. On their way back to Jerusalem, Peter and John evangelized in the Samaritan villages which they passed through.
- * But, God wasn't done using Philip just yet! In Philip, we have the testimony of a man who was committed to the work of the Lord and who had a passion to share the good news of redemption in Christ with those whom he met.
- * Today, we see that commitment and passion carried into other regions.

INSTRUCTION

I. WITH THE ANGEL (v.26-27a)

- A. The Angel's Command (v. 26; cf. Matt 2:20)
 - 1. _____! (cf. Luke 5:27-28)
 - 2. _____! (cf. Mark 16:15; Matthew 28-19-20; Matthew 22:9)
- **B.** Philip's Response (v. 27a)
- 1. _____ (cf. Matthew 8:9; Luke 7:8; Acts 10:2)
 - 2. _____ (cf. Luke 9:57-62; Acts 21:8-9)

II. WITH THE EUNUCH (v. 27-39a)

- A. The Identity of the Eunuch (v. 27-28)
 - 1. _____
 - 2.
- B. The Work of the Evangelist (v. 29-35)
 - 1. HE WAS O_____
 - 2. HE WAS P_____

C. The Reaction of the Eunuch (v. 36-39a)

- 1. HE B_____(v. 36-37)
- 2. HE WAS B_____ (v. 36, 38-39)

III. FROM AZOTUS (v. 39-40)

- A. Philip Was T_____Gaza * cf. Matthew 11:12; 13:19; John 6:15; 10:12, 28-29; Acts 23:10; 2 Cor 12:2,4; 1 Thess 4:17; Jude 23; Rev 12:5)
- B. Philip Was F_____ Azotus

C. Philip Was F_____ Caesarea!

INTROSPECTION

- * How have you responded to the Lord's command to go and make disciples?
- * Are you willing to leave your livelihood to serve where God's lead you?
 "He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep, to gain what he cannot lose!" (Jim Elliot)
- * Do you have a true passion to see people come to know Christ? What is your priority?
- * Is there a need to change the way you think and therefore the way you act?

INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion

* How can we more effectively reach out to our community with the gospel? (This is purposefully the same as last week!)