



Adult Life Groups & Care Groups

Shively Baptist Church | Louisville, KY

Life Group Leaders Handout For Sunday August 3rd, 2014

Planned Schedule:

- 0900-0910 – Meet & Greet in Life Groups
- 0910-0915 – Focus (TBD)
- 0915-0930 – Teaching Time (Life Group Leaders)
- 0930-1015 – Care Group Time (Care Group Leaders)



God's Church on the Move "World Changers"

Acts 8:26-40

Message Outline

World Changers are...

- A. Obedient! (8:26-30a)
- B. Ready and willing to engage others! (8:30b-34)
- C. Faithful to the Great Commission! (8:35-40)

Commentary

GOD IS AT WORK

In Philip's life:

- Philip went to the place he was directed by the "angel of the Lord."
- The Holy Spirit directed Philip to join the chariot.
- (Luther – "Hound of Heaven")

In the Eunuch's life: What could have happened in Jerusalem to prepare the eunuch for his encounter with the gospel?

- He may have heard about Jesus.
- He may have heard of the apostles (radical change, ministry and message).
- The "headline news" would have had to do with Stephen's martyrdom, and of the widespread persecution of the church.
- The eunuch had a strong commitment to Judaism (his pilgrimage to Jerusalem was no small effort).
- He also had a strong sense of messianic expectation.
- Did the eunuch purchase his copy of the Isaiah scroll (an expensive gesture) so that he could read the prophecies about Messiah?

When Philip ran alongside the eunuch's chariot and asked if he understood what he was reading, the Ethiopian quickly accepted his help. He needed, as he said, someone to guide him.



POINT THEM TO JESUS: The Old Testament only went so far as to prophecy concerning things to come. The gospel was the record of these prophecies having been fulfilled. Philip was about to tell this man that the prophecies of Isaiah concerning Messiah were fulfilled in the person of Jesus.

These words come from Isaiah 53:7-8 - ***“HE WAS LED AS A SHEEP TO SLAUGHTER; AND AS A LAMB BEFORE ITS SHEARER IS SILENT, SO HE DOES NOT OPEN HIS MOUTH. IN HUMILIATION HIS JUDGMENT WAS TAKEN AWAY; WHO SHALL RELATE HIS GENERATION? FOR HIS LIFE IS REMOVED FROM THE EARTH.”***

The problem which the eunuch had with this passage was wrapped up in the identity of the one referred to in the text:

“Please tell me of whom does the prophet say this? Of himself, or of someone else?” (Isaiah 53:34).

Surely our griefs He Himself bore, And our sorrows He carried; Yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, Smitten of God, and afflicted. But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; The chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, And by His scourging we are healed. All of us like sheep have gone astray, Each of us has turned to his own way; But the LORD has caused the iniquity of us all To fall on Him (Isaiah 53:4-6).

Philip’s answer was to proclaim Jesus as the Messiah, beginning with this text, and then from the rest of the Old Testament (Acts 8:35).

Reminiscent of “The Road to Emmaus”