

**I. Introduction: The Angel of the Lord sent Phillip to an Ethiopian man, to explain the Gospel; God then used the Ethiopian to bring the Good News to all of Africa.**

- A. If God's mission of saving souls is going to move forward, then we must join in His mission of bringing Jesus to everyone we encounter, as we go into the world.

**II. Preaching Jesus to the Nations (vv. 26-40).**

A. Willingness to Go (vv. 26-27).

1. God sent an angel to move Philip into the path of an Ethiopian. Philip responded with immediate faith, despite not having much information to act on.

B. Boldness to Intrude (vv. 28-30).

1. God told Philip to interrupt this rich and important dignitary, who was traveling home to his country. Philip spoke boldly, though he was just a lowly servant.

C. Faithfulness to Speak (vv. 31-35).

1. Philip ran alongside the Ethiopian's chariot and when the man permitted him to come into his chariot, he seized the opportunity to tell him about Jesus.

D. Eagerness to Believe (vv. 36-38).

1. The first thing the Ethiopian wanted was to be baptized, as an outward mark of his faith in Jesus! Baptism was his first act of obedience to Christ (Matt 28:19-20).

E. Readiness to Preach (vv. 39-40).

1. Philip was taken away by the Spirit (v. 39); he finished his job and he vanished. Then he continued preaching the Gospel message to the surrounding cities.

**III. Conclusion: God used Philip to share the Gospel with the Ethiopian, who became a missionary to Africa. The Gospel was already going out to the farthest ends of the Earth.**

## Questions About: Preaching Jesus to the Nations

1. Have you ever been led by the Holy Spirit to do something? What did He want you to say or do? How is God's Spirit leading you? What has God told you to do that you have not done?
2. Who told Philip to go on this mission? (**Acts 8:26-27**) What was unusual about this request? (**v. 26**) Are you available to God to be used whenever He calls on you? Why or why not?
3. Who was the man that he found on the road? (**Acts 8:27-29**) How was he important? Why had he come to Jerusalem? (**v. 28**) What does this tell us about his spiritual condition?
4. How did God ask Philip to intrude on this man's life? (**Acts 8:28-30**) What was the Ethiopian reading? (**v. 28**) What question did Philip ask him? (**v. 30**) How was this a bold move?
5. How did God set up this spiritual appointment for Philip? (**Acts 8:31-35**) What passage in Isaiah was the Ethiopian reading? How did Philip use it as a springboard for preaching Jesus?
6. What was the first thing that the Ethiopian wanted to do after hearing the Gospel? (**Acts 8:36-38**) How is baptism the very first act of obedience in following Jesus? (**Matt 28:19-20**)
7. What happened to Philip after the baptism of the Ethiopian? (**Acts 8:39-40**) How did God continue to use Philip's preaching? (**v. 40**) What became of the Ethiopian eunuch?
8. How is God speaking to you now? In what ways is God leading you to talk about Jesus? Are you being obedient or not? What can you learn from the example of Philip?

### Prayer

1. Will you pray that God would use us to reach our city and community for Jesus?
2. Will you pray for those in Africa who still have not heard the name of Jesus?