

The Good News People

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· Enjoy Gospel Outcomes - the Gospel is good news of great joy for all people! (vv. 5-25)

· Expect Gospel Opportunities - God is setting up divine appointments (vv. 26-34)

· Explain the Gospel Clearly - the Gospel can be explained, understood, and received (vv. 35-40)

Believe the good news - trust in Jesus as your Savior today.
Share the good news - lift up your eyes and listen for the Spirit

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What stood out to you most from the message?
2. Read Acts 8:8. In what ways has the gospel brought you great joy? In what ways have you seen the gospel bring joy to other people or other communities?
3. Besides joy, what other outcomes does God bring into our lives and world through the gospel? Take some time and thank God for his goodness through Christ.
4. Read Acts 8:25 and consider the attitudes the disciples had toward the Samaritans in the gospels (Luke 9:54-55). How did God transform their view of others? Has God ever changed the way you view other people?
5. Who explained the gospel to you? How did God use that person to help you understand the gospel better?
6. Read Acts 8:26-35 again and put yourself in Philip's shoes. On a Scale of 1-10, if God had sent you to the Ethiopian treasurer instead of Philip, how ready do you think you would be to explain the gospel?
7. What can someone do to grow in their ability to share the gospel? (Consider the resources from the websites above)
8. Read Romans 1:16. Other than feeling unprepared to share the gospel, what else might stop someone from sharing the gospel? How can we overcome these barriers?
9. If you have not yet believed the gospel, what do you think might be keeping you from trusting in Christ as Savior today?
10. Spend some time praying for God to open doors for the gospel.

FOR FURTHER REFLECTION

- Memorize key gospel verses: John 1:12, 3:16, Romans 3:23, 6:23, 5:8, 10:13, Ephesians 2:8-9
- Learn how to share the gospel clearly and simply with help from these great ministries: <https://bit.ly/evantell> and <https://bit.ly/dare2shareg>
- Read "What is the Gospel?" - <https://bit.ly/crugospel>
- Read *The 3D Gospel* by Jayson Georges and watch this helpful video about sharing Christ in different cultures: <https://bit.ly/3dgospel>
- Read *Show Me How to Share the Gospel* by Larry Moyer

