



The Holy Spirit and Beyond Israel

Read this week's scripture and answer the questions below. As you read, consider how these verses fit into what you are seeing or experiencing today. Prepare to share with your small group anything that jumped out at you, confused you, encouraged you, challenged or convicted you.

1. We pre-viewed it last week; this week we take a closer look at the story of Phillip and the Ethiopian. Ask the Lord for understanding and insight, then read Acts 8:26-40.
2. Spend time in verses 26-27. Notice the call and response: the divine invitation and the human response. Are you listening to God? Has call placed a call on your life? How have you responded? Let these questions and God's answers lead you to prayer.
3. Read verses 29-31. Again we see a call and an immediate response. We note the Ethiopian's curiosity pertaining to scripture (life) and his need for a guide? Are you like this Ethiopian, searching scripture for answers? Are you availing yourself to guidance as you do? Is there opportunity for you to guide others? We are called to be both students and teachers. Pray today for a hunger for the Word of God and for the discipline to become a student/teacher of the word.
4. Linger in verses 32-35. These verses reference Isaiah 53:7-8. Here we see, again, the OT pointing to Jesus. We see God's promise fulfilled in Jesus. We see Phillip standing ready to make this clear. Are we studying God's word in search of Jesus? Are we ready to point others to Him? Let these thoughts lead you to prayer today.
5. Read verses 36-38. Notice some of your translations are missing verse 37(worth looking into). Note the Ethiopians response to hearing the gospel: baptism. Have you been baptized? Do you pray for others to encounter Jesus and make the decision to be baptized? However this hits you, let it lead you to prayer.
6. Ponder verses 39-40. Some supernatural stuff here. For some this produces amazement; for others, this produces real wrestling. What is your response? Take this praise or these questions to prayer today.
7. Jump to John 1:29. Here we see another image of the Lamb of God: Jesus passing by. Behold Him today. On this the seventh day, rest in Him.

Notes/Prayer Request

Acts 8:29
And the Spirit said to
Philip, "Go over and join this
chariot."