Series Break: Gospel Proclaimed

ICE BREAKER QUESTIONS

1. What's a piece of advice your parents or grandparents gave you that you want to pass on?

2. Where did you go the first time you traveled abroad (remember travelling)

WORD

Acts 8:5-8 (NIV84)

5 Philip when down to a city in Samaria and proclaimed Christ there. 6 When the crowds heard Philip and saw the miraculous signs he did, they all paid close attention to what he said. 7 With shrieks, evil spirits came out of many, and many paralytics and cripples were healed. 8 So there was great joy in the city.

Who is Philip?

*distinguished from the disciple of the same name by calling him "Philip the evangelist" or "Philip the deacon."

*he was **one of the Seven chosen to care for the poor of the Christian community in Jerusalem** (Acts 6).

*also, he is a man full of faith and of Holy Spirit.

*was one of the seventy-two men whom Jesus sent out in <u>Luke 10:1</u>, although the Bible doesn't make that connection.

*was one of the original seven deacons selected to serve in the Jerusalem church (<u>Acts 6:5</u>).

*has a heart for evangelism, and, when the "great persecution" arose in <u>Acts 8:1</u>, Philip left Jerusalem to become an evangelist in Samaria (<u>Acts 8:5–12</u>).

Why Philip went to Samaria? Jesus said to the disciples, "And you will be my *witnesses* in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and *Samaria,* and to the ends of the earth.

Acts 1:8b (NIV) ...<u>and you will be my witnesses</u> in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and <u>Samaria</u>, and to the ends of the earth.

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DISCUSSION

Why do we proclaim the gospel? Share your thoughts.

WORD

When the Gospel is proclaimed..

1. People's life changed Acts 8:6-7 (NIV84)

6 <u>When the crowds heard Philip</u> and saw the miraculous signs he did, they all paid close attention to what he said. 7 With shrieks, evil spirits came out of many, and many paralytics and cripples were healed.

2.People get baptized.Acts 8:12 (NIV)

"But when they believed Philip as he proclaimed the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, <u>they were baptized</u>, <u>both men and women</u>.

3.People in the city rejoices Acts 8:8

So there was great joy in the city. Philip preached and reportedly performed miracles in Samaria, and met and baptized an Ethiopian man, a eunuch, on the road from Jerusalem to Gaza, traditionally marking the start of the Ethiopian Church (Acts 8:26-39).

DISCUSSION

Have you shared the gospel? What happened to the person you shared the gospel to? How was your personal experience?

LIFE APPLICATION

Let us proclaim the gospel in obedience with God's command in Matthew 28:16-20 .When we received Christ as Lord and Saviour, we are redeemed and change by the gospel. Sharing the gospel to others will allow them to hear, believe and received Him as Lord and Saviour as well and will change their lives forever.

VERSE TO MEDITATE ON

Mark 16:15

Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to all the creation.

PRAYER

Share your answered prayer. Pray for one another and throughout this week.

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