

## 12 Week Sermon Series-Wk 2: How do I lead someone to Christ? – Acts 8:26-40

**<sup>26</sup> Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” <sup>27</sup> So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means “queen of the Ethiopians”). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, <sup>28</sup> and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. <sup>29</sup> The Spirit told Philip, “Go to that chariot and stay near it.”**

- How do I lead someone to Christ?

1. Be open/available to hearing from God, in step with HS and do what He says.

- Angel spoke to Philip, Spirit prodded Philip to approach someone.

2. Keep your eyes open for opportunities to interact with others.

- Philip could’ve just glanced and saw a man in a chariot; when he paid close attention, he saw him reading Isaiah.

- We’ve all been in out & felt led to talk to someone, right? Why chicken out?

**<sup>30</sup> Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. “Do you understand what you are reading?” Philip asked. <sup>31</sup> “How can I,” he said, “unless someone explains it to me?” So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. <sup>32</sup> This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading: “He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he did not open his mouth. <sup>33</sup> In his humiliation he was deprived of justice. Who can speak of his descendants? For his life was taken from the earth.” <sup>34</sup> The eunuch asked Philip, “Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?”**

- How do I lead someone to Christ? Philip asked a relevant question.

3. Actually interact with other people. Look for ways to be relevant to them. Philip saw the man was reading Isaiah and asked about what he was reading. Show interest in others! Even if interests don’t match. Build a relationship. People don’t care how much you know until they know how much you care.

- 1 Cor 9 Apostle Paul says, I've made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law.<sup>21</sup> To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law. <sup>22</sup>To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. <sup>23</sup>I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.

4. Be friendly! To have a friend we must be a friend. Be polite, listen, be helpful.

**<sup>35</sup> Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup> As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?" (<sup>37</sup>Some manuscripts include here Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." The eunuch answered, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.") <sup>38</sup> And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. <sup>39</sup> When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup> Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and traveled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.**

- How do I lead someone to Christ? Know your Bible. 2 Tim. 2:15: Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

5. Be ready to share Jesus and your testimony. You can always turn the conversation to Him.

- No need to be afraid/inferior- For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek." Romans 1:16. Philip dove right in!

- "Share Jesus Without Fear" William Fay

- Share your testimony – Powerful! We overcome by the blood of the lamb and the word of our testimony. Impossible to fail sharing your testimony. A. B. C.

6. Go the extra mile. Ministry can be long, messy, involving. Do it anyway.

- Philip traveled with the man and while traveling the Holy Spirit prompted the man to be baptized. If Philip had left that wouldn't have happened.

7. Keep repeating the first 6 steps, Don't grow weary in doing good. Gal 6:9.

- As we go about our everyday business, God will bring people into our sphere of influence constantly. We must be available, seeking, interactive, friendly, hospitable, perseverant.

- Takes power, love, and self-discipline. We represent Jesus! How are we carrying out that duty? When people see you, do they experience love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, and self-control?

- We lead people to Christ by being like Christ.

Let's pray.