

Message notes for 20 May

No. 3 in Acts series : Power to see lives changed

Intro

Two very different people, with different testimonies, but the same God

The Ethiopian

- Philip the evangelist is in Samaria preaching
- The Ethiopian government official is in Jerusalem seeking God
- God masterminds these two to meet
- The Ethiopian was open to God, but couldn't understand the Gospel
- The verses in Isaiah that led to his conversion
- Going public with his faith through baptism
- Philip can't stop talking about Jesus!

Saul of Tarsus

- Deeply religious but he didn't know God; sincere but not saved
- He had been resisting the God he thought he knew
- God intervenes in Saul's life dramatically and stops him in his tracks
- Who are you Lord?
- Saul's conversion
- Saul's Christian stand : going public about his faith through baptism
- Consequences. Every choice has consequences.

Notes

Digging deeper notes for the week beginning 20 May

No. 3 in Acts series : Power to see lives changed (Acts 8 and 9)

What are some of the dangers in giving testimonies? (e.g. who gets the credit?)

Why might it have been hard for Philip to obey God? (Acts 8:4-8; 26)

What are some of the potential dangers of a “successful” ministry? (Acts 8:6-8; 35)

Why is obedience to God so important? (Acts 8:26)

Can you explain the Gospel using Acts 8:32-33? Go on. Have a try!

How can we help people who are religious and sincere but not saved?

Compare the necessary but difficult obedience of Philip in 8:26 and Ananias in 9:11

Why was it important for the Ethiopian, Saul and for us to go public with faith?

What would you say to someone who said you can be a Christian without going to church, in the light of Acts 9:19?

Maybe briefly share your testimony, ensuring who gets the credit!!