

Message Study Guide

(Scriptures & quotes from this week's message are available on thorncreek.church/live)

Warming up

1. What were you like as a teen, were you the quiet type or the person who everyone knew, or somewhere in between ?

Digging Deeper & Application

Take your time reading the scripture given. If possible look up the verses in different versions and pause at each verse and discuss it.

2. Please read Acts 8:25-26. Where was Peter and John preaching and what city did they return to?
 - a. Where did they stop along the way?
 - b. Who are the Samaritans?
3. What kind of road did God tell Philip to go on that was mentioned in the previous scripture?
 - a. Have you ever found yourself on a "desert road?" Literally or figuratively. Talk about it! Can you describe a time when you were on a "spiritual" dirt road? Did you draw closer to God?
 - b. Are you different today because of that dirt road? Pastor Ruben said, "God uses desert roads to grow your faith. He wants you to know His presence more fully. He wants you to hear His voice without any distractions." Agree or disagree? Thoughts?
4. Continue reading in Acts 8:27-28. Who is this guy and where is he from?
 - a. What is a eunuch? Where did he come from and what was he reading? Compare with Isaiah 56:3-5.

5. Kent Hughes said, "There are all kinds of "chance" meetings ready to take place in a life that is sensitive and obedient to God's leading." Is there someone in your life that you feel God has put in your life to talk with?

6. Please read Acts 8:29-31. Based on this passage, are there people God wants us to talk with about His love?
 - a. Compare with quote from John Philips, "We are not called upon to witness to everyone we meet, but we are called upon to speak to those who have been prepared by the Holy Spirit." What happens when we say nothing?

7. Please read Acts 8:32-33. Compare with Isaiah 53:1-7.

Application

Below are some of the points shared in the message. Discuss how they apply to your life.

- God uses desert roads to grow your faith. He wants you to know His presence more fully. He wants you to hear His voice without any distractions.
- God is reaching out to someone who everyone else has marked unworthy, unclean, and ostracized.
- "There are all kinds of "chance" meetings ready to take place in a life that is sensitive and obedient to God's leading" - Kent Hughes
- "We are not called upon to witness to everyone we meet, but we are called upon to speak to those who have been prepared by the Holy Spirit." - John Philips