

When we think about sharing our faith with another person, the “butterflies” in our stomach can be overwhelming. Fear grips us and causes us to clam up. In the story of Philip and the Ethiopian man, we can see how God creates opportunities for conversations and how, when we lean into them, the results can be amazing. This week our speaker Will Kranz walked us through this interaction and showed us how we can experience joy in evangelism by taking the next step, preparing for where they take you, and treating people like people.

What Do You Think?

- Have you ever shared your faith with someone? How did it go?
- What are some of the fears that prevent us from starting a conversation about God?

“Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, ‘Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.’ This is a desert place.” Acts 8:26 (ESV)

What Does God Say?

- **Read Acts 8:26-29.** Often God gives us only one step at a time, not the full plan. As Will said, “When God gives you the next step, take it.” It requires faith to take the next step without seeing the second. What next step do you think God is asking you to take with a specific person?
- **Read Acts 8:30-31.** Discuss the technique Philip uses to get the conversation going. This week we talked about treating a person like a person, not a plan. Do you see this here? How can we initiate discussions this way without it being awkward?

“Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus.” Acts 8:35 (ESV)

- **Read Acts 8:32-35.** Philip was prepared for this discussion and makes no excuses to get out of it. How do you think he got himself ready? What do you need to be ready to talk about your faith?
- **Acts 8:36-38.** What an amazing moment! It is inspiring to see a person experience this level of life change. Have you ever had the opportunity to see your effort with someone result in his or her salvation? Did you witness or participate in their baptism? What is that like?

What Will You Do?

- What do you need to do to overcome the fears that hold you back in sharing your faith? Give specific steps, or ask the group for advice.
- Last week we identified specific people we were focused on influencing. Continue the conversation about them. What can you do to open the door for a conversation about faith? *If you did not meet or were not at Life Group last week, share a specific person that you want to invest in.*
- Pray together for doors to be opened for spiritual conversations. Pray for people by name. Pray that they would be open and that you would be bold.