

Today's Theme:

# "A Seeking Question Leads To a Surprise Baptism"

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The Book of Acts- Part 16

**Acts 8:26-40**

"Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized? ". Acts 8:36

## **A Strange Guy, a Strange Place & A Life-Changing Meeting**

### **1. Our Man Philip- Is Sent On a \_\_\_\_\_ Trip By The Holy Spirit.**

Acts 8:26 Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Go south to ...the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza."

#### **1). Philip Meets A VIP- Returning From An Apparently Unsatisfying \_\_\_\_\_ Experience. Acts 8:27-29**

- The man was an official in the \_\_\_\_\_ kingdom.
- He had been likely in \_\_\_\_\_ at the Temple.
- He was likely a Jew but an \_\_\_\_\_ by culture!
- He's heading home after worshipping with \_\_\_\_\_!

#### **2). The HS Gets Philip Involved When A \_\_\_\_\_ Is Asked!**

Acts 8:30-31; Rom.10:14-15

- Notice- \_\_\_\_\_ start things! 1<sup>st</sup> Philip then the man.
- He's struggling w/ a \_\_\_\_\_ passage in Isaiah. Acts 8:32-33

### **Notice What Happens Next:**

#### **3). One Good Interaction... Leads to the \_\_\_\_\_ Question:**

Acts 8:34-38

- Asks: What is \_\_\_\_\_ me from being baptized?
- Nothing! So Philip moves to \_\_\_\_\_ this new believer!

#### **4). Suddenly, It's \_\_\_\_\_ & The HS Has More For Phil To Do!** Acts 8:39-40

### **What's The Take Away This Week?**

#### **1. Confused People With Questions About The Word Of God- Are Asking For \_\_\_\_\_ Help!**

Acts 8:30-35

- He just needed understanding here- faith often needs understanding not just more \_\_\_\_\_ to take root!
- When you hear someone who's confused about the Bible- \_\_\_\_\_ them out! You're there for that purpose!

#### **2. The Gospel Message Must Be Believed & Received By Each Person Who Is \_\_\_\_\_ Again!**

- You believe what the Bible says about Jesus- and then you receive or \_\_\_\_\_ it & do what it says! John 1:12
- "Born Again" Means- you are made spiritually \_\_\_\_\_ by Jesus when you trust Him as your Savior! John 3:3

#### **3. Baptism Is An Outward \_\_\_\_\_ Of An Inward Reality- You Have Trusted Jesus as Your Savior!**

- It is a \_\_\_\_\_ statement of faith in Jesus!
- Baptism doesn't save you- trusting in \_\_\_\_\_ does!
- Getting Baptized Says: You're telling everyone- I'm now \_\_\_\_\_ for Jesus! Acts 2:41

#### **4. This Ethiopian VIP Got Baptized & Left Fired Up...Ready To \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus- Acts 8:39**

- Is there anything causing you to \_\_\_\_\_ being baptized?

**Today We're Baptizing Two Of Our Folks- Who Are Ready To Stand Up For Jesus!**