



## 5 MINUTE LESSONS ON THE KINGDOM OF GOD

# The Gospel Goes to Africa

Philip was experiencing a wonderful revival in Samaria. Then the Lord supernaturally directs him into the desert to speak to just one man. That's how much God loves us as individuals. Leaving the 99 to reach out to the one lost sheep (Luke 15:4).

*"<sup>26</sup>And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert.*

*<sup>27</sup>And he arose and went: and, behold, a man of Ethiopia (an African), an eunuch (a male that has been castrated, sometimes serving in the presence of females) of great authority under Candace (the title of a Queen) queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem for to worship,*

*<sup>28</sup>Was returning, and sitting in his chariot read Esaias (Isaiah) the prophet.*

*<sup>29</sup>Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot.*

*<sup>30</sup>And Philip ran thither (ran over) to him, and heard him read the prophet Esaias (Isaiah), and said, Understandest thou what thou readest?*

*<sup>31</sup>And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him.*

*<sup>32</sup>The place of the scripture which he read was this, 'He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth:*

*<sup>33</sup>In his humiliation his judgment was taken away: and who shall declare his generation? for his life is taken from the earth.' (Isaiah 53:7-8)*

*<sup>34</sup>And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this? of himself, or of some other man?*

*<sup>35</sup>Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus.*

*<sup>36</sup>And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me (or prevents me) to be baptized?*

*37And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.*

*38And he commanded the chariot to stand still (to stop): and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.*

*39And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing." (Acts 8:26-39 KJV)*

Notice: Who asked the question about being baptized? Was it Philip or the eunuch? How did the eunuch know he was to be baptized? All the passage says is,

*"Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus." (Acts 8:35)*

So it appears that within the preaching of Jesus that baptism was mentioned.

Or it could have been that the eunuch was returning from worship in Jerusalem and had witnessed Peter preaching the sermon in which 3,000 people had repented and were instructed to be baptized for the remission of their sins (Acts 2:5,9-10, 36-41).

It seems that within the preaching of Jesus, repentance, faith and baptism are all foundational doctrines of Christ (See Hebrews 6:1-2; Luke 24:47; Mark 16:16).

The eunuch gladly received God's Word and was baptized, and he went on his way rejoicing (See Acts 8:39; Acts 2:41; Acts 8:12, 8). Ananias told Saul, who later was called the Apostle Paul,

*"And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord." (Acts 22:16)*

Is this God's Word or am I making this up? You decide!

## Questions

**1** When someone embraces the gospel they will take the good news back to their nation.

True or False

**2** What was the eunuch doing while he sat in the chariot?

- 3 What did Philip ask the eunuch?
- 4 How did the eunuch respond to Philip?
- 5 What was the eunuch reading?
- 6 What did the eunuch do after he believed in Jesus?
- 7 How did believing in Christ affect the eunuch?

**We want to hear from you!**

We would love to hear your feedback on these lessons and how you use them in your own study or in discipling others. If you have any thoughts, stories, testimonies, comments, or questions we would love to hear them!

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## Answer Key

- 1** When someone embraces the gospel they will take the good news back to their nation.

**True**

*The eunuch was returning to his homeland when confronted by the gospel.*

- 2** What was the eunuch doing while he sat in the chariot?

*“Was returning, and sitting in his chariot read Esaias (Isaiah) the prophet.” (Acts 8:28)*

- 3** What did Philip ask the eunuch?

*Do you understand what you are reading? (Acts 8:30)*

- 4** How did the eunuch respond to Philip?

*“How can I,’ he said, ‘unless someone explains it to me?’ So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.” (Acts 8:31 NIV)*

- 5** What was the eunuch reading?

**Isaiah 53:7-8**

*“<sup>7</sup>He was oppressed and treated harshly,  
yet he never said a word.*

*He was led like a lamb to the slaughter.*

*And as a sheep is silent before the shearers,  
he did not open his mouth.*

*<sup>8</sup>Unjustly condemned,*

*he was led away.*

*No one cared that he died without descendants,  
that his life was cut short in midstream.*

*But he was struck down*

*for the rebellion of my people.” (Isaiah 53:7-8 NLT)*

**6** What did the eunuch do after he believed in Jesus?

***“<sup>36</sup>As they went along the road they came to some water; and the eunuch said, ‘Look! Water! What prevents me from being baptized?’<sup>37</sup>And Philip said, ‘If you believe with all your heart, you may.’ And he answered and said, ‘I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.’<sup>38</sup>And he ordered the chariot to stop; and they both went down into the water, Philip as well as the eunuch, and he baptized him.”***  
**(Acts 8:36-38 NASV — update version)**

**7** How did believing in Christ affect the eunuch?

***“When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; and the eunuch no longer saw him, but went on his way rejoicing.”*** (Acts 8:39 NASV — update version)