

Calvary Temple Life Groups
Theme: The Holy Spirit & Courage
Lesson 2

Lesson: The Holy Spirit helps us to DENY ourselves:

Text: Acts 8:26-40

**Check list: See they bring their Bibles, if not please provide one if possible*

Storytelling by Life Group Leader (Acts 8:26-40):

Things to know:

- 1. Close your Bible**
- 2. Pay attention to the narrator.**

There was a man by the name Philip. He was a Spirit-filled believer, who was recognized by the early church in the book of Acts chapter 6. He was appointed to be one of the seven people to represent God to other non-Christian communities. He was on his own way, when the Holy Spirit dared him to go and assist the Ethiopian eunuch. He obediently followed the directive work of the Holy Spirit and successfully fulfilled God's call in his life. He met this Ethiopian man through the directive work of the Holy Spirit and courageously shared the good news of Jesus Christ to him. The Ethiopian man was convicted and in response, he was baptised that very day by the nearby water.

Opening Activity:

Has there ever been a time in your life when you've been convinced by the Holy Spirit to do things for God but you were afraid or ashamed of how people would view it? How did it make you feel? Did you feel convicted? Give time for discussion.

Open Discussion:

Things to do: Open your Bible and read the story and answer these questions from the text:

Lesson:

Read Acts 8:26-30

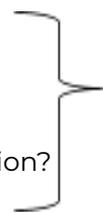
- What was the Angel of the Lord's message to Philip? (vs 26)
- What was Philip's response to the message? (vs 27)
- What was the Ethiopian man's position in leadership? (vs 27)
- Where was the Ethiopian man heading ?(vs 27)
- Which book in the bible was the Ethiopian man reading? (vs28)
- What message did the Holy Spirit inform Philip? (vs29)
- What was Philip's response to the Holy Spirit? (vs30)
- What was the Ethiopian man doing? (vs30)
- What was Philip's question to the Ethiopian man? (vs30)

Application questions

- 1.What will be your response if you were Philip?
- 2.What sort of challenges do you think Philip is facing?
- 3.What do you think would be the role of the Holy Spirit in this kind of situation?

Read verse 31 to verse 35

- What was the Ethiopian man's response to Philip?(vs 31)
- How did the Ethiopian man relate himself to Philip?(vs31)
- What was the passage of Scripture he was reading from? (vs32)
- What was the eunuch's question to Philip? (vs34)
- What was Philip's response to the eunuch in regards to the question? (vs 35)

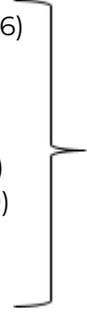


Application questions

1. How will you rate your response to people who are in desperate need?
2. Do you know that the Holy Spirit is their to give courage in response to needs like the eunuch?

Read verse 36 to verse 40

- What was the eunuch's response when they saw the water? (vs36)
- What question did he ask Philip? (vs36)
- What was Philip's answer to the eunuch? (vs37)
- What was the eunuch's response to Philip's answer? (vs37)
- Does the eunuch obey the leading work of the Holy Spirit? (vs38)
- What happened to Philip after the baptism of the eunuch? (vs39)
- What happened to the eunuch after baptism? (vs39)
- What happened to Philip?(vs40)



Application questions

1. How do you feel when your needs are not met?
2. How do you feel when your prayers are being answered?
3. What do you understand about the ministry of the Holy Spirit in the passage?

The amazing work of the Holy Spirit in the end of this passage is this:

In a spur of a moment, the Holy Spirit took Philip away to Azotus which is twenty miles away from north of Gaza.

(Please take time to recap the story and listen to the lessons they've learnt from the story)

Conclusion:

- It is very important to be very attentive to the prompting of the Holy Spirit.
- Being obedient to the Holy Spirit will instill courage.
- Daring to listen and obeying the Holy Spirit, will result in overcoming any situation.
- Through the leading work of the Holy Spirit, we will do extraordinary things for God, like Philip.
- The Holy Spirit gives us joy like this Ethiopian. He inquired but was answered according to the commandment of the Holy Spirit and resulted in the baptism of repentance.
- The Holy Spirit helps us to deny ourselves for God's glory.

End the session with prayer.