

Grace Group Questions

09-23-2018 - Acts 8:26-40 – Extending The Kingdom Through Personal Evangelism

REMINDER: The purpose of our Grace Groups is to help our church family mature in our love for the Lord and each other. We seek to do this by 1. Practical Sermon Application 2. Practicing the One Another's 3. Providing Care 4. Praying Together 5. Pursuing Discipleship. These questions are simply a tool to help you achieve these purposes. You will notice that these questions are structured according to the three basic principles of Bible study - observation, interpretation, and application.

1. **Sermon Passage:** Read Acts 8:26-40.
 - What was the main point of Sunday's sermon?
 - Can you outline the sermon?
2. **Observation – What did you hear?**
 - Dom listed a few deterrents that could potentially prevent us from fulfilling the last part of our mission statement (extend the kingdom). What were those deterrents? Can you identify others?
 - How did Philip's encounter with the Ethiopian eunuch come about? What was Philip's response? What does this passage demonstrate about Spirit-led evangelism?
 - Identify some of the ways Philip was Christ-centered in his love. Led by the Spirit?
3. **Interpretation – What does it mean?**
 - Why do you think God called Philip away from a thriving ministry in Samaria? Why send him to have this personal one on one gospel encounter with the Ethiopian in the desert when he was ministering to an entire region in Samaria?
 - Read Isaiah 52:13 – 53:10. How would you use these verses to explain the gospel of Jesus Christ to a non-Christian?
 - Dom said, "you are not truly loving people or walking in the Spirit if you are not ultimately telling them about Christ from the Scriptures." How is our failure to actually open our mouths and tell others about Jesus unloving?
4. **Application – How does this apply?**
 - This week I'd like you to get super practical by identifying 3 networks, 3 people within those networks and 3 action steps you can take to intentionally engage others with the gospel.
 - **3 networks** – 1. Family, 2. People you see every day, 3. People you run into occasionally.
 - **3 people** – List the names of the people from each particular network.
 - **3 actions** – 1. Pray for them, 2. Intentionally ask them meaningful questions 3. Tell them about Jesus from the Scripture or give them gospel centered literature
 - Knowing that God has called you to fulfill the Great Commission, how specifically do you sense God is leading you to share the gospel this week? What can you do to become a more effective witness?
5. **Prayer ...**