

Significant
Saints
Sons/Daughters
Servants

Sent





"I am the light of the world."

John 8:12

"You are the light of the world."

Matthew 5:14





"Jesus said, 'Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.'

And with that he breathed on them and said, 'Receive the Holy Spirit'."

- John 20:21





"...You will receive [power] when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Acts 1:8





"You will receive δυναμισ"

"dunamis"









On that day a great persecution broke out against the church in Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria...

Those who had been scattered preached the [gospel] wherever they went.





"...an unquenchable fire, a restlessness, a longing, a disquiet, a hunger, a gnawing nostalgia, a fundamental dis-ease, a wildness that cannot be tamed, an all-embracing ache that lies at the center of the human heart and drives everything else."

Ronald Rohlheiser, The Holy Longing





BIG idea

A need seen is an assignment given, and your calling is your sending.





"Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Go south to the road - the desert road - that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza'."

Acts 8:26

















"...So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury Candace (the 'queen of the Ethiopians'). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet."





"The Spirit told Philip, 'Go to that chariot and stay near it.' Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. "Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked.

'How can I,' he said, 'unless someone explains it to me?' So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him..."



This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading:

'He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he did not open his mouth...'





Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near...

Isaiah 55:6

Let no foreigner say, "The Lord will surely exclude me from his people."

And let not the eunich complain, "I am only a dry tree."

Isaiah 56:3





"...Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus."

Acts 8:35





"As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?"

Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him."

Acts 8:36-38





"The Ethiopian Eunuch was the first fruits of faith in the whole world..."

Eusebius of Caeserea, 4th Century Church Historian

"This man was sent into the regions of Ethiopia to preach what he himself had come to believe..."

St. Ireneaus, Against Heresies, 180 AD

Today there are over 300 Million confessing Christians in the Orthodox Ethiopian Church.





Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send...?"

And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

Isaiah 6:8

