

Transformation Card

This page provides an overview of the message and resources for individual and group study.

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Sermon Audio

Full Msg. Title: **The Expansion of the Kingdom of God to Ethiopia**
Short Ver. Title: Kingdom Expansion: Ethiopia
Series Title*: Acts
Text: Acts 8:25-40
Key Words: Ethiopia, Eunuch, Philip, preaching, Jesus, gospel

Message Outline

The Expansion of the Kingdom of God to Ethiopia

God Continues to Expand His Kingdom...

- I. By the Preaching of the Gospel to More Samaritans
- II. By the Preaching of the Gospel to Those beyond Samaria
- III. By More Preaching of the Same Gospel to Those Still without Understanding

God's Word for Devotions

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| 1. 2 Chron 14:9ff (Re: Ethiopia) | 4. Isaiah 56 (esp. 3-4) |
| 2. Deut 23:1ff (Re: Eunuchs) | 5. Acts 8 |
| 3. Isaiah 53 | 6. John 10:10 |

Talk About It with Your Friends and Family

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| 1. What activities did the apostles give themselves to while in Samaria? | 4. How did Philip explain the Scriptures to the court official? |
| 2. How would you characterize the events leading up to the meeting between Philip and the Ethiopian court official? | 5. How should we treat v. 37 (hint: read the notes regarding this verse in your Bible)? |
| 3. What does the eunuch's voiced need for a guide say of the value of a human guide when it comes to our reading of the Scriptures? | 6. What does this passage add to our understanding of Baptism? |
| | 7. What is up with Philip being snatched away? |
| | 8. What activity does Philip give himself to in verse 40? |

Memory and Meditation Verse

"Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning from this Scripture he preached Jesus to him." Acts 8:35 (NASB)

Community Life

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| 1. Rod living for the Philippines today. | 3. Your cleaning services appreciated. |
| 2. Community Groups have started. Please join us! | |

Next Week

Focus Text: Acts 9:1-20 – Where was/is Damascus and what is interesting about that as a place for Saul to be taking his resistance? What is "the Way" in verse 2? What was the goal of Saul's resistance to the way? According to verse 5, whose voice speaks to Saul in verse 4 and what do you find noteworthy about that? What do you make of the partial instruction given by Jesus to Saul in verse 6? What physical impact did the flash of light have on Saul? What was Ananias' concern in the mission on which Jesus sent him and what do we have to concede about what Jesus has asked of His disciples in the past? Looking at verse 17, what actions, address and message did Ananias share with Paul and what are some of the significant implications? What were the effects of Ananias' prayer upon Saul as recorded in verse 18-20? What do you make of Saul's passivity in his own coming to saving faith and receipt of the Spirit? What do you make of His subsequent immediate activity?