

FOLLOWING THE SPIRIT

Acts 8:26-40

Acts 8:5 “Philip went down to a city in Samaria and proclaimed Christ there.”

Purpose: To show how God’s Spirit works in our hearts.

Proposition: God prepares us for what He has prepare for us.

Introduction:

1. Wouldn’t you love to have been guided by God?
2. Can you imagine leading another person to the Lord?
3. Do you dream about God using you in a special way?
4. How did God prepare Philip for this special time?

I. God shaped Philip through his obedience.

- A. When persecution broke out in Jerusalem, Philip went to another place to tell people about Jesus.
- B. Prior to this event Philip served widows.
 1. He waited tables.
 2. He supervised a compassionate care ministry.

II. God prepared Philip through a revival (6-8).

- A. Philip told people about Jesus and crowds listened.
- B. God worked miracles through Philip.

III. God prepared Philip through Bible study.

#When the Ethiopian read from Isaiah, Philip knew where the passage was, who is was about and how the Ethiopian could meet Jesus.

IV. God prepared Philip by the Holy Spirit’s conversation.

- A. God gave orders to a man who would hear and heed the directions.
- B. God needed a minister in Ethiopia.
 1. God needed to see him get right in his heart first.
 2. So God sent Philip.

Conclusion:

1. God is preparing you for what He has prepared for you.
2. Are you ready?
3. Are you willing?
4. Give God permission to prepare you.