

# CHRISTMAS IS HERE...

Part 3.0 ... so let's SHARE Him!

Acts 8

Let's meet the SEEKER vs. 27-28, 31, 34

- He was a FOREIGNER – an Ethiopian treasurer
- He was SPIRITUALLY searching
  - Came to Jerusalem to WORSHIP
  - READING the prophet Isaiah
  - He INVITED a conversation

Let's meet the SHARER vs. 1, 4-13, 26-30, 35-40

- Philip was proactively AVAILABLE and ATTUNED  
2 Corinthians 5:18-20
- Philip shared in difficult TIMES and with difficult PEOPLE
- God used Philip in a FRUITFUL way

Let's see how God ARRANGES a meeting vs. 25-40

- Philip obeyed the PROMPTING of God
- Philip noticed the SIGNS of a seeker
- Philip INITIATED a responsive question
- Philip accepted the INVITATION 1 Corinthians 5:13-19
- Philip opened his mouth and EXPLAINED Jesus
- Philip STAYED with him through baptism
- Philip moved on to the next SEEKER

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## Life Group Discussion Questions – December 22, 2019

**Acts 8:29-31** *'Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go up and join this chariot." Philip ran up and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet, and said, "Do you understand what you are reading?" And he said, "Well, how could I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.'*

### QUICK REVIEW

1. Read Ephesians 5:11. From the interplay of "light v. dark" perspective, what does it mean to expose unfruitful deeds of darkness? Discuss how various light intensities reveal imperfections (sin). Why do we dim lights in a room and call it "ambiance?"
2. What are three typical ways in which humankind responds to Truth? Why do people fear the Light/Truth? Which category do you fall into or are you somewhere in-between? What ways can you encourage others to move towards the Light?

### MY STORY

1. When have you noticed that your spiritual radar is keenest? What would it take to stay spiritually alert more often? Tell of a time when you sensed God's leading in a conversation or circumstance. How did it end? How well do you think you did meeting the other person's needs?
2. What does the term "seeker-friendly" mean to you? Have you been able to identify anyone in your sphere of influence that might be a seeker? What are the "tells" of a seeker?

### GOING DEEP

1. Read Psalm 139:13-17. How does this passage show us that before we ever began to pursue God, God was pursuing us? What can we say to a seeker to encourage them to consider that God is their Creator and that all their days are known to Him? What would you say or do if they had some understanding but still needed your guidance?
2. Read Acts 8:26-39 then read Luke 10:5-6. Was the Ethiopian eunuch a "man of peace?" Discuss the idea that seekers are more favorable to hearing about God's will for them than those who are not seeking Him. What common traits can you identify in those who are benevolent and bearers of goodwill?
3. Read 2 Corinthians 5:18-19. God has reconciled us to Himself through the Cross. And now He expects us to take-up the cause of reconciliation. How do we do this? How was Phillip a minister of reconciliation to the eunuch? Discuss the ministry of reconciliation that God has given us.

### PUTTING IT TOGETHER:

1. What do you think are some of the challenges to living out each point?
2. Which of the above teaching points are most important for you to remember?