
SERMON OUTLINE

The Pressure's Off in Evangelism

Acts 8:26-40

- I. God directs us to share with people He has already prepared (Acts 8:26-31)
 - A. God directed Philip through an angel and prepared the Ethiopian's heart (8:26-29; 8:5).
 - God is already working in the hearts of people we will someday share with (John 6:37-44).
 - B. Philip obeyed the Spirit and started a conversation with the Ethiopian about the scriptures (8:30-31).
 - God gives opportunities to share the gospel to those who will take them.
- II. God's word has the power to bring salvation as we explain it (Acts 8:32-35).
 - A. The Ethiopian eunuch was already reading the scriptures (8:28; 32-33; Isaiah 53:7-8).
 - God always uses His word (Romans 1:16-17)!
 - B. Philip was prepared to explain what the scriptures meant (8:34-35).
 - We must be ready to share the good news about Jesus Christ (evantell.org).
- III. God plants a desire in believer's hearts to declare their faith in Christ (Acts 8:36-40).
 - A. The Ethiopian desired to be baptized (8:36-38).
 - Salvation is meant to be declared publicly.
 - Philip seemingly baptized him by immersion ("went down into the water").
 - B. God took Philip away supernaturally to Azotus – and Philip kept sharing the gospel (8:39-40).
 - God will do whatever is necessary for His gospel.