

Questions for Reflection and Discussion:

1. What stood out to you about the message today?
2. Do you agree that ethnic reconciliation is central to the gospel? Why or why not? What do you see in Scripture that makes you answer the way you do?
3. In what ways has your faith grown by being with Christians from other traditions or cultures?
4. Share a time when it was apparent that God was setting up an opportunity for you to share the gospel. Did you obey? Why or why not?
5. How might you learn to be more aware of the work of the Holy Spirit? What steps will you take to do so?
6. Who is someone the Holy Spirit has laid on your heart to share the Gospel with?

Coming Up:

July 31st: Acts 9 (Sam Weto)

August 7th: Acts 10-11 (Abby Burg)

August 14th: Acts 12 (Duane Fisher)

August 21st: Acts 13:13-52 (Kory Kleinsasser)

August 28th: Acts 14:8-28 (Bill Richardson)



THE GOOD NEWS ACCORDING TO LUKE



To the Ends of the Earth

“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 even the ends of the earth.”

Acts 1:8

How important is ethnic reconciliation to the Gospel?

- Genesis 12 “all the _____ of the earth will be blessed through you.”
- Acts 1:8, “You will be my witnesses...to the ends of the earth.”
- Acts 2: The Holy Spirit enables the disciples to speak in other _____.
- Galatians 3: “Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law... _____ the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles...”

“Our _____ can prevent us from seeing certain things.”

Scripture: Acts 8:26-40

“God told Philip to go...so he _____ out.” (vs 26-27)

- Is our first response to God’s voice _____?
- The Spirit is setting up and opportunity for Philip to share the _____.

Wesleyans believe in _____ grace—that God is pursuing _____.

Philip met an...

- He was a _____.
- From the “_____ of the _____.”

- He would not have been allowed to fully worship in the _____ . (Deuteronomy 23:1)

He had two levels of _____ from the people of God.

What was he reading? Isaiah _____, about the Messiah.

- Philip only had to go 3 chapters (to Isaiah 56) to apply the gospel to the man.

“Let no _____ who is bound to the Lord say, “The Lord will surely exclude me from his people.” And let no _____ complain, “I am only a dry tree.” (Isaiah 56:3)

“What can stand in the way of my being _____?”

Application:

Ethnic reconciliation _____ central to the Gospel!

- All _____ are equal heirs to the Gospel
- We must intentionally gather with Christians of other _____ and _____.

Truths about _____.

1. We must remember the Holy Spirit is _____.
2. We must be _____ with the Holy Spirit.
3. When sharing, we must _____ where people are.