

Bold and Powerful
Week's reading: Acts 8:4-40
Discussion Guide: October 1, 2023

CHECK UP:

Memory work: Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. - 1 Corinthians 15:58

Did you help anyone see Jesus more clearly this past week?

OPEN:

- Who did you B.L.E.S.S. this past week? What action steps did you take?
 - o How did you live bold and powerful this past week?
- What stood out to you from this past week's reading?
 - o What questions do you have?

READ and ASK: Acts 8:26-40; James 4:6; Matthew 23:12; Proverbs 3:34, 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

- What was the Eunuch doing while he sat in his chariot and what was his problem?
 - o What should we do when we are confronted with a scripture that we don't understand?
- How does God use people to take his message to others? (consider that fact that an angel appeared to Philip to go speak, but not directly to the Ethiopian).
- In what way is humility seen as a tremendous Christian virtue in this text?
 - o Why is humility essential to the Christian life?
- How does Philip show humility?
 - o How does the Ethiopian display humility?
- What is your greatest take away from this text in Acts 8?

APPLY:

- How does the Holy Spirit lead us?
 - o When has the Holy Spirit led you to speak to someone?

- How does the humility of Philip and the Eunuch challenge you?
 - o How has your pride gotten in the way of God working in and through you?
- NEXT STEP: How can you be sensitive to the Spirit's leading this week?

Memory Work:

And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.

- 2 Corinthians 5:19b-20a

Next Week's Reading:

Acts 9:1-10:8