

**Transition:**

Saul is making havoc of the church and the believers are scattered. Nevertheless, the word of God is being preached. Philip goes to Samaria where a revival breaks out. Then, through an angel, God tells Philip to go down south to the desert. Philip left the many for the one.

**Tell the story:**

Tell the story (with passion!) Do the best you can, don't stop and teach, try not to make points, just tell the story. Perhaps leave some parts out or make a mistake, just to see if your group catches it!

**Rebuild the story:**

Chronologically rebuild the story by asking questions. Have the group look for what was added or left out by looking in their Bibles and going back over the story. Then have someone else tell the story the best they can – just like you modeled the first time.

**Discussion Questions:**

1. Why is there an African coming to Jerusalem to worship? Could a eunuch even go in the temple?
2. Why did the eunuch need help understanding the passage of Isaiah?
3. What hindered the eunuch being baptized? What did Philip do?

**Fundamental:**

Water Baptism - The Gospel of Jesus Christ has answered the two great needs of mankind: cleansing and forgiveness. At the birth of the Church, the gospel pierced the crowd to their hearts with a conviction of sin. They cried out, "What must we do?" and Peter thundered, "Repent and be baptized for the forgiveness of sins." This ordinance of the church throughout the centuries has stood as a constant testimony of a new start, a clean conscience and a pledge of devotion towards the King. Water baptism, by immersion, has been the starting point and public testimony of the saints. Although it is a physical act, there are sacred and spiritual elements. Water baptism pairs together the two great motifs of Christian experience: death & life. We are baptized into Christ's death and raised into Christ's life. It is a majestic wedding and a somber funeral.

1. Do we need to be water baptized to be saved? Why or why not?
2. Does baptism make you clean? Can we be water baptized more than once? What about those who were "Christened?"
3. What was the Biblical method of water baptism? Should we baptize infants or only confessed Believers?

**Homework/Challenge:**

1. Exhort your small group to be baptized if they have not yet.
2. Please read Acts 9 in preparation for next week.

**Discipleship Tip:**

It is important to stress that baptism is the answer of a clean conscience, not in order to have one (according to 1 Peter 3:21-22). Some will have been baptized when they were a baby or very young. If they are truly walking with Christ as an adult, they ought to be baptized.

**Prayer:**

Pray for people to have tender hearts and a willingness to obey what God commands.