

**The Chapel Family Bible Reading Program – November 6-11**  
***Doing Life Together – Inside Out Pt. 6***

**MONDAY:** Acts 5:19, Genesis 10:19

**KEY VERSE:** Acts 8:26

**OBSERVATION:** Following the stoning of Stephen, the church was scattered throughout Judea and Samaria (Acts 8:1-3). How did God use this wave of rejection and persecution to spread the Gospel? Acts 8:26-29 What is notable about the instructions the angel of the Lord gives to Phillip?

**TUESDAY:** Psalm 87:4, Isaiah 56:3

**KEY VERSE:** Acts 8:27

**OBSERVATION:** When prompted by the Spirit, Philip immediately ran to the eunuch's chariot. When he caught up to it, surely gasping for breath, Philip overheard the Ethiopian eunuch reading aloud from the prophet Isaiah. "Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked the eunuch. Why does Phillip's conversation with the official depend upon him following the Spirit's instructions to stay near the chariot? Has God ever set up an appointment for you to share the Gospel?

**WEDNESDAY:** Acts 10:19, Acts 13:2

**KEY VERSE:** Acts 8:28-30

**OBSERVATION:** The fact that the Ethiopian eunuch was reading the prophet Isaiah aloud as he rode along was significant. This suggests the man was educated, was wealthy enough to own a handwritten copy of a biblical scroll, and was concerned enough about his spiritual condition that he traveled hundreds of miles to and from Jerusalem by chariot to find answers. A person truly thirsty for God will go to great lengths to satisfy that need.

**THURSDAY:** Romans 10:14, Ephesians 2:17

**KEY VERSE:** Acts 8:31-34

**OBSERVATION:** If you were Philip, at that point, what would you have done? He was on a wilderness road talking to a foreign rich guy with no testicles about complex Biblical exegesis. I surely would have done my best to avoid the conversation in the first place, but were I invited to start the Bible study, I would have tried to change the subject. Not Philip, though. He responded brilliantly. How did Phillip initiate a spiritual conversation with the official? How comfortable are you with striking up conversations with strangers? Have you ever had a spiritual conversation with a stranger? Do you feel confident you could explain God's plan of salvation to someone?

**FRIDAY:** Matthew 3:6, Acts 10:47

**KEY VERSE:** Acts 8:36-38

**OBSERVATION:** Because he professed faith in Jesus, nothing disqualified the Ethiopian from being baptized. Consequently, when they came upon a body of water, the official ordered the chariot to stop, the two men went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. What an amazing sight the man's baptism must have been for his entourage to watch! In the New Testament, the significance of baptism is never isolated from the method—immersion in water. Baptism signifies the believer's identification with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection.

**SATURDAY:** Ezekiel 3:14, 1 Kings 18:12

**KEY VERSE:** Acts 8:39-40

**OBSERVATION:** Philip was relentless and unhesitant as he shared the gospel. Everywhere God called him, Philip shared the gospel. Even when God called him to a place that he did not understand (like the desert road in Acts 8) and when God sent him to another city, Philip evangelized. Just as Philip ran up to the chariot at God's prompting, we should go where God calls us to share the gospel. Philip met this influential man directly at his point of confusion over prophecy. Likewise, we should speak in terms that people understand and with the help of the Holy Spirit, guide them to an understanding of the gospel. When the Ethiopian man believed the gospel, he was baptized and celebrated. Then, Philip appeared in the next town where he continued the work of evangelism. Continue to rejoice in your own salvation and seek to go where the Spirit leads you to share the gospel.