

Vision for our Vineyard : To Experience God and to Help People

The Kingdom of Give #3

Living in creative goodness

PHILIP

"As for Philip, an angel of the Lord said to him, "Go south to the desert road that runs from Jerusalem to Gaza. So he did, and he met the treasurer of the Ethiopian, a eunuch of great authority under the queen of Ethiopia. The eunuch had gone to Jerusalem to worship, and he was now returning. Seated in his carriage, he was reading aloud from the book of the prophet Isaiah. The Holy Spirit said "Go over and walk along beside the carriage.' (So) Philip ran over...**He told him** the Good News about Jesus,..Philip baptized him ...and he went on his way rejoicing." Acts 8:26-38

- **Rejoicing** God used Philip to give the Good News to an Ethiopian who had come to Jerusalem to connect with the God of Israel. He believed in Jesus was baptized and went on his way rejoicing

- How many people that you and I are sharing life with and meet are wondering what life is about—or even longing to know God—hoping that something will happen that will result in their connecting with God?

- **So he did.** When Philip was directed to talk to the Ethiopian he did. This man was seeking.

Some of the people we know are seeking to connect with God. Some of them probably think we are connected to God. These days people are pretty gun shy of heavy handed approaches. However, if we proved ourselves to be people of good deed, good words, they may be interested our good news .

- **Someone to Instruct me.** The Ethiopian could not understand a passage of scripture referring to the suffering and sacrifice of Christ Jesus which took away sin and opened the door to the Father God and life with Him forever.

"He was led as a sheep to slaughter..." Isaiah

Philip explained to him that Jesus was "the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world." (John 1:29)

- We may not be able to explain such a passage very well but we can tell our spiritual journey.

And if they ask what to say to God- we can say

Just ask Jesus to come to you and save you.

- For 'Anyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.' Romans 10:11-15