



The Gospel Goes to The Ends of The Earth

Acts 8:26-40

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God advances His gospel by using ordinary people, filled with the Holy Spirit, to make disciples of Jesus—from every tribe, tongue, people, and nation—through the proclamation of the gospel.

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3 TIMELESS TRUTHS

- 1.** God advances His gospel.

We should be expectant that God will sovereignly put us, like Philip, in situations and relationships for the advance of His gospel.

2. God uses ordinary people, filled with the Holy Spirit, to advance His gospel.

The command to make disciples is not graceless. It was and is given to ordinary people who were given the promise that the One who commanded them to make disciples—the One who has all authority in heaven and on earth, Jesus—would always be with them, empowering them along the way.

3. God uses gospel proclamation to make disciples.

God is pleased to use, and add power to, the teaching and preaching of the gospel of Jesus Christ, through His Word, to save rebels to His throne. "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" (Romans 10:15b)

Keeping the gospel central in our interpretation and application guards us from bad theology and guides us towards good theology. It guards us from man-centered thinking and moralism. But it also helps guide us to glorify God through Jesus and pursue obedience to God as a result of the gospel and the power of the Holy Spirit.

Recommended Books

- *Biblical Theology* by Nick Roark & Robert Cline
- *The Gospel & Personal Evangelism* by Mark Dever
- *Understanding The Big Picture of The Bible* by Wayne Grudem

Questions to Consider

1. What role in this conversion is played by: the word of God? a servant of God? God Himself?
2. What causes you to be tempted to give up witnessing to the truth about Jesus with those around you (neighbors, family, or coworkers)? What truths about God will you use to counter these temptations (Consider the first 2 timeless truths)?
3. What does this episode teach us about the Old Testament?
4. Read John 5:39-40, 45-46; Luke 24:25-27, 44-47. How would you articulate Scripture's grand narrative?
5. Why must the gospel be kept central to our interpretation and application of Scripture?