

Discussion Questions Course 413–1

Large Group

1. Who was Simon and why did people follow him?
2. What did Philip do that amazed Simon?
3. What did Simon do after watching Philip that amazed the crowd?
4. Why is Chris so excited about the new invention?
5. What was the purpose of the invention?
6. Have you ever read something in the Bible that you didn't understand? What did you do?
7. How do you think the Ethiopian man felt to have Philip suddenly appear and explain to him what he was reading?

Small Group

Relay Game

1. As we saw in the video, the believers in the early church needed to quickly flee from Jerusalem; why?

Teaching

1. As he faithfully served God, Philip received new instructions. Do you remember what he was told to do and who told him?
2. Did Philip question why he would be sent to the desert with all the excitement in the city? Did he argue that the crowds loved his preaching and miracles so God should send someone else?
3. When Philip arrived in the desert, he saw an important Ethiopian official riding in a carriage and reading from the prophet Isaiah. How did Philip know what to do next?
4. Imagine if God told you to walk alongside someone who was jogging or skateboarding—would you obey or would you think it was too silly or even dangerous?
5. Did the Ethiopian instruct his driver to speed up the horses to get away from Philip?
6. What does a battery contain?

Prayer

1. Acts 1:8. Who said this?
2. Today, our prayer is for God to fill us with His power. Why do we need power?

Additional Activities

Rolling Game

1. What would have happened to the joy under the cups if we would have held onto the balls instead of rolling them?

Maze Activity

1. Philip took advantage of this privilege. Who did Philip share the Gospel with in the desert?
2. Why did Philip go to the desert?
3. What can we learn from Philip's obedience to immediately go?
4. What do you think the Ethiopian man thought when he saw Philip walking outside his carriage?

5. Consider for a moment what God did for one man to hear the Good News. What does that tell you about God's love and His desire for all to be saved?

Bible Activity

Acts 8:1–17

1. Acts 8:1–4. What did Saul do to the believers who he found in Jerusalem?
2. Acts 8:1–4. Name two regions where the believers scattered.
3. Acts 8:4–8. Crowds listened to Philip because of his message and also to see what?
4. Acts 8: 4–8. Because of what Philip said and did, what were the people in the city filled with?
5. Acts 8:9–11. What did the people call Simon the Sorcerer?
6. Acts 8:14–17. What did Peter and John do when they arrived in Samaria?