

Reaching Others
Faith Heroes – Part 7
Life Church St. Louis – October 20, 2019
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1 Corinthians 11:1 (ESV) *Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.*

Matthew 28:18-20 (ESV) *And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”*

Acts 1:8 (ESV) *But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”*

1. _____ preparation

Acts 6:1-2 (ESV) *Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, “It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables.*

1A. Grow in _____ character

Acts 6:3 (ESV) *Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty.*

1B. Be committed to your _____

Acts 21:8-9 (ESV) *On the next day we departed and came to Caesarea, and we entered the house of Philip the evangelist, who was one of the seven, and stayed with him. He had four unmarried daughters, who prophesied.*

2. Be open to _____

Acts 8:4-5 (ESV) *Now those who were scattered went about preaching the word. Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed to them the Christ.*

2A. From tables to _____

Acts 8:6-7 (ESV) *And the crowds with one accord paid attention to what was being said by Philip when they heard him and saw the signs that he did. For unclean spirits, crying out with a loud voice, came out of many who had them, and many who were paralyzed or lame were healed.*

2B. Confronting the _____

Acts 8:9 (ESV) *But there was a man named Simon, who had previously practiced magic in the city and amazed the people of Samaria, saying that he himself was somebody great.*

Acts 8:12-13 (ESV) *But when they believed Philip as he preached good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. Even Simon himself believed, and after being baptized he continued with Philip. And seeing signs and great miracles performed, he was amazed.*

3. Be _____ at all times

Acts 8:26 (ESV) *Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is a desert place.*

3A. Expect _____ appointments

Acts 8:29 (ESV) *And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.”*

Acts 8:35 (ESV) *Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus.*

3B. Develop an _____ lifestyle

Acts 8:39-40 (ESV) *And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.*

Action Plan for This Week

Have a daily time of Bible reading & prayer (Acts 8)
 Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun

Invite a friend to the service next Sunday.

How will I obey God’s Word this week? _____

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Intro. Why did Paul encourage believers to imitate himself (1 Corinthians 11:1)?

Intro. Why is the primary purpose of the church and every believer to reach others for Jesus (Matthew 28:18-20)?

Intro. How does the power of the Spirit enable believers to be witnesses (Acts 1:8)?

1A. In what ways are problems also opportunities (Acts 6:1-2)?

1B. Why do you think the apostles required spiritual qualities in the men selected to deal with the feeding of the widows (Acts 6:3)?

1C. What do the spiritual qualities of Philip and his family tell you about his lifestyle (Acts 21:8-9)?

1D. Why is it important that our lifestyle match our profession of faith?

2A. What can we learn from how Philip responded to persecution (Acts 8:4-5)?

2B. Why are miracles an effective part of evangelism (Acts 8:6-7)?

2C. How can we distinguish counterfeit miracles from real ones (Acts 8:9)?

2D. What does Philip's example teach us about our own commitment to ministry (Acts 8:12-13)?

2E. What kinds of situations in people's lives provide opportunities to share the Gospel?

3A. Why do you think God sent an angel to direct Philip (Acts 8:26)?

3B. What barriers did Philip have to overcome to reach the eunuch for Jesus (Acts 8:29-35)?

3C. How can you know you're in the proper setting to be a witness (Acts 8:39-40)?

3D. How can we prepare for divine appointments like that experienced by Philip?