

DIGGING DEEPER

Week 6: Acts 8:26-39

This week we concluded our series *This is Essential!* Pastor Garrett Brown made his preaching debut sharing with us how it is essential for us to spread our story of how God's Word has changed our lives.

OPEN

This session is all about hearing one another's story! Before you begin, give a warning that you want to have everyone share a snapshot (3-5 minutes) of the part that Jesus has played in their story! Learning about one another's stories is essential to our ability to connect with one another! Let them know that they will have some time to think about what they want to share as you work through the discussion questions but try to leave at least 5 minutes per group member.

Tip: If your group has been meeting for a long time, challenge them to share aspects of their story that you likely haven't heard before.

DISCUSS

Icebreaker Question: If you could go anywhere in the world, but had to take a co-worker or an in-law, where would you go and who would you take?

1. In our passage, Phillip is given a command to go to a desert place without any guidance or reasoning. In what way have you experienced promptings to step out in faith? How have you responded?
2. Why do you think redemption stories are so popular and common in our world? Why do people naturally enjoy redemption?
3. Is there a relationship in your life that changed when you or they encountered and began following Jesus? How does the Gospel change or influence our relationships with others?
4. How have you prayed for someone else to encounter Jesus? Is there anyone in your life that you want to see come into relationship with Jesus? If you can't think of someone, what does that say about your sphere of influence and how can you widen it?
5. Take a moment and share a snapshot of how hearing the story of Jesus changed your life.

CLOSE

As you close, take a moment to celebrate, pray for, or react positively to the stories that were told! Make sure to pray for the people your group wants to come into a relationship with Jesus. Thank everyone and as a leader pray a blessing over your group. Take time and pray for people by name and ask God for more in their life in this season than ever before.

THE SOAP BIBLE STUDY METHOD

SCRIPTURE

Work through the text slowly getting a picture of the entire context.

OBSERVATION

What observations do you see in the narrative or events?

APPPLICATION

How do you think this applied to people contextually and today?

PRAYER

Ask God to use what you've read to deepen your relationship with him.

