

life groups

NorthStar Church

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On the Move

Acts 8:26-39

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Main Idea

The Gospel of Jesus isn't meant to stay with us as believers; it came to us so that we can then take it and spread it to others. If we desire to be part of a movement of God, then we need to understand that God does not simply call us to come to church; He calls us to be the church.

Introduction

Have you ever had a parent tell you when you were a kid that you had to go somewhere that you did not want to go? How did that turn out? As an adult, have you ever had to go somewhere for work that you did not want to go or felt like was "beneath" your abilities to do? How did that turn out?

Understanding

Pastor Cory tells us about the life of Philip ending with him being sent to the "ends of the earth" in the desert. But, as with all of God's timing, it was a perfect moment for him to be there. Read the text, Acts 8:26-39, then discuss the following points and questions in your group.

Rely fully on the Spirit of God. Cory asked us a question: anytime God speaks to us (whether it's through His word, through prayer, or through the Spirit of God) do you know there is ALWAYS a response from us? What does this mean to you? We learn to rely on Jesus when we have a growing relationship with Jesus.

Reflect a Christ-centered love for people. Cory pointed out to us that if you and I want to be part of a movement of God, then it is imperative for us to start loving people the way God did. Philip saw in the Eunuch not a foreigner in need of a translator; he saw him as a friend in need of a savior. How do you struggle with seeing others in this way?

Respond in radical ways. Cory made the statement that he believed God allowed Philip to lead the Ethiopian servant to Christ so that he could go from hearing about a movement to becoming a part of the movement. Cory then asks us a radical question; what would it look like if we got serious about the Great Commission and instead of just talking about it, we did something about it? The Gospel of Jesus isn't meant to stay with us; it came to us so that we might spread it to others.

Application

How are you growing your relationship with Jesus? How are you reaching out to people who may be different than you? Are you keeping to Gospel to yourself or are you sharing it with others? How can we share it with others along our road in a practical way?

Prayer

Pray for each other in your group and their various requests. Specifically pray for any points brought up during the application section for each person.