



Acts 8:4-13

Philip reaches into Samaria

Details that will help us understand the passage:

1. Philip was one of the men chosen to distribute food to the widows.
 - a. A man full of the _____ and _____
 - b. _____ only to Stephen in faith and the Holy Spirit
 - c. A man without a job in the church because everyone _____
 - d. One of those who _____
2. Philip was a _____ of the Apostles.
 - a. A disciple takes what they have learned and pass it along to others
 - b. If they are successful, then that person also passed it along to others
 - c. Philip, a disciple of the Apostles, ***did what they did***, in his new location.
3. Philip as a disciple:
 - a. _____ the Word to unbelievers (vs 4)
 - b. _____ on God to give proof of his teaching (vs 6)
 - c. Called for a _____ in belief (vs 12)
 - d. _____ new believers in response to their faith (vs 12-13)
4. Simon was a _____:
 - a. Called himself, “The Great Power of God” (vs 10)
 - b. Made a living by attracting followers (vs 11)
 - c. Attracted followers by entertaining them and claiming to represent God
 - d. Thought that religious authority was something you could purchase (vs 18-19) and was really just a gimmick to be exploited.
5. In this passage we see:
 - a. A faithful man, _____ faithful under persecution.
 - b. The unashamed preaching of the gospel in an ***unlikely*** environment
 - c. A large group of deceived people seeing _____ for the first time.
 - d. Their _____ recognizing this same truth and embracing it.

What are we supposed to learn from this passage:

1. We should respond to crisis and hardship the same way Philip did.
 - a. He found _____ in his life when it came to physical safety. (vs 4)
 - b. He took _____ that were equivalent to his calling and ministry. (vs 4-5)
 - c. He relied on _____ to make his work effective. (vs 6-7)
2. Even unlikely groups of people _____ be reached with the gospel.
 - a. Samaritans were ethnically and religiously rejected by the Jews.
 - b. Samaritans were literally on their own in every way.
 - c. The people in this city were captivated by Simon the Sorcerer. (vs 11)
 - d. But after they heard, saw, and believed, they were baptized. (vs 12)
 - Heard Philips message about the Messiah
 - Saw what God was doing in and through Philip
 - Believed in the God (Messiah) who Philip preached
 - Were Baptized as a public declaration of their new faith
3. Even unlikely _____ can be reached with the gospel.
 - a. Simon was the leader of a cult/false religion
 - b. Simon didn't even really think religion was real
 - c. When given a front row seat to Philip and the truth about God, he repented.
 - d. His baptism was an even bigger statement than the rest.

What am I individually supposed to take from this passage:

1. My crisis, trial, or even persecution may be _____ intentionally working in my life.
2. I need to seek _____ balance between personal safety and personal risk as I serve.
3. I need to trust _____ to provide the "proof in the pudding" so that my words are believable.
4. I must not exclude anyone from hearing the gospel because of _____ assumptions.
5. The gospel is for everyone, everywhere. We are God's ambassadors no matter where we are living, the circumstances of our life, or the likelihood of success.