

Journey Group Study Guide

Changing Channels: Turn Up The Volume!

Acts 8:1, 4-7, 26-38

For the week of October 4, 2009

Warming Up

What is selective hearing? Give an example.

If you suddenly lost your hearing, what would be the one thing you would miss hearing the most? Why?

In Full Stride

Read Acts 6:1-6. Who was Philip and why was he chosen?

Read Acts 8:1, 4-7. What is taking place with the church at Jerusalem?

Why was the scattering necessary?

Where did Philip go and what were the results?

Read Acts 8:26-38. Why does the eunuch visit Jerusalem?

The eunuch was reading Isaiah 53. In what ways does Jesus fit the picture of the one described there?

Philip was told to go on the desert road. Do you think he traveled alone? Why?

What excuse could Philip have given for not wanting to leave Samaria and go into the desert?

Philip gave a history lesson to the Ethiopian about Jesus. What did he tell him?

How did God pave the way for His message to reach this one man?

For The Road

Why is it hard for Christians to "hear" God speak to them today?

How does God speak to you and other people today?

Read I Peter 3:15. What practical things can you do in order to be prepared?

What Bible verses would you use to share the Good News with someone who does not know Jesus, and why did you choose those?

Read Romans 10:11-15. What is our responsibility, and what is one way you can fulfill that responsibility this week?

When it comes to sharing our faith, God uses different ways to reach people with the Good News. Read the following passages and describe the different personality styles or ways that were used to bring people to Jesus.

Acts 2:22-24, 36

Acts 17: 16-18

John 9:13-25

Luke 5:27-29

John 4:28-29

Acts 9: 36-42

Which of these style types are you more likely to use when sharing your faith and why?

How can you focus so that you put yourself in a position to hear more clearly from the Holy Spirit?

What are the ramifications for our obedience or disobedience as it relates to hearing and responding to God's call through the Holy Spirit?

Extra Mile

Re-read Acts 8 through 11 each day this week and write down what God impresses upon your heart after each reading as it relates to hearing God speak.

What areas are you struggling with when it comes to hearing from God? Share with your group how they can pray for you?