



The Miracle in the Moment
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USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

We have provided all the Scriptures references in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to discuss the weekend message.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session. Give priority to the needs and pace of your group members.

While the questions are important, remember your group's goal is to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships. Use the discussion questions as you see fit but emphasize the relationships.

[Acts 1:6-8] ESV

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. 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."

[Acts 2:42-47] ESV

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

mathētēs

In the Greek world, mathētēs variously designated an apprentice, one who companied with a teacher in order to learn from him

[Matthew 16:24-25] ESV

Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

[Acts 8:26-28] 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. And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah.

-3 Lies that Stop a Move of God through us-

Lie 1: I don't have what it takes

[Acts 8:29-30] ESV

And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.” So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?”

[1 Timothy 1:15] NLT

This is a trustworthy saying, and everyone should accept it: “Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners”—and I am the worst of them all.

[Acts 8:31] ESV

And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

LIE 2: They aren't interested in what I have to say

[Acts 8:32-35] ESV

Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.” And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus.

[Acts 8:36-40] ESV

And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?” And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. 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.

Lie 3: What kind of impact will this even make?

[Hebrews 12:1-2] ESV

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before

us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Key Points:

- 1. *Lie 1: I don't have what it takes.***
- 2. *Lie 2: They aren't interested in what I have to say.***
- 3. *Lie 3: What kind of impact will this even make?***

Applications for the Week:

The sermon challenged the idea that "I don't have what it takes." Is there an area where you feel unqualified or too ordinary for God to use you? What would it look like to say yes anyways?

Discussion Questions:

- 1.** What instructions did the angel and the Holy Spirit give to Philip, and how did he respond?
- 2.** What was the Ethiopian official doing when Philip met him, and what questions did he ask Philip?
- 3.** According to Acts 2:42-47, what were some of the key characteristics of the early church community?
- 4.** What 3 lies did Pastor Jon say often keep us from stepping into God's opportunities for us.
- 5.** Why do you think God chose Philip, a man with no formal credentials to be the one to reach the Ethiopian official? What does this say about who God uses?
- 6.** The Ethiopian was already reading scripture and seeking God. What does this suggest about people around us who may seem uninterested in faith?
- 7.** Think about someone in your life who might be spiritually curious like the Ethiopian official. What is one simple step you could take this week to start a conversation or offer to help guide them?
- 8.** Pastor Jon said that no act of faithfulness is insignificant in God's kingdom. Can you think of a time when a small act you did made a big difference?