



Worship Guide for **February 24, 2019**

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The man we see mercilessly persecuting the church in Acts 8 would later write, *“I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.”* (Romans 1:16) The Jesus that Saul hated would soon capture his soul, and the gospel Saul sought to silence would soon be the message of his life. But before Paul takes center stage in the unfolding story of Acts, we see Philip being used by God in extraordinary ways. What we see in Philip’s life and mission is a living illustration of Romans 1:16. Phillip was right in the middle of God’s purposes, being used by Him to spread the gospel to the nations. Phillip was not ashamed of the gospel, and he boldly crossed racial and cultural barriers with that message. Through Philip, God demonstrated the power of the gospel to bring salvation to the Samaritans and unite with the Jews in His church. In this account, we see the beginning of a new chapter in expansion of God’s kingdom. We see God using ordinary people like you and me to spread the gospel. We see what it looks like to believe in Christ and filled with His Spirit, and we also see what it looks like to ‘believe’ and still be lost.

God’s unwavering purposes in the gospel (Acts 1:8, 8:1 & 4)

Philip’s unashamed proclamation of the gospel (Acts 8:4-5)

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Use this guide to help you reflect upon and internalize today's passage and message! Using a journal or a notebook, follow the daily prompts below. We also use these guides to guide our discussions in our Life Groups each week as we seek to grow together in the Word!

### Sunday

*In your journal, reflect on today's sermon by answering the following:*

I never knew:

I was challenged:

I was reminded:

I was convicted:

A question I still have:

A truth I could share:

**Know**

### Monday

*Spend some time today doing the following:*

Read the sermon passage again.

Select a portion of this week's sermon passage to memorize this week.

Write your selected portion and read it to yourself at least 10 times throughout the day and meditate on that portion this week.

**Know > Be**

### Tuesday

*In your journal, spend some time writing about the following:*

Read the sermon passage again.

Write a prayer of response, specifically guided by the passage.

(May include adoration, confession/repentance, thanksgiving, petition, etc...)

Continue to meditate on a memorize the selection you chose from yesterday.

**Be**

### Wednesday

*Think about this week's questions for group discussion:*

How would you recognize God's sovereignty in where he has placed you and around whom he has placed you in your life? In what areas of your life do you need to recognize this and seek to align your life with God's big story?

Read Luke 9:52-56 and consider how John's heart for the Samaritans has changed in Acts 8. What has been the key to this change? What can we learn about how this kind of love is cultivated within our own hearts?

How does the story about Simon demonstrate the necessity of repentance in our response to the gospel? What does it teach us about repentance? What can it teach us about evangelism?

**Be > Do**

### Thursday

*In your journal, spend some time considering the following:*

What insights have you gained while internalizing this week's passage?

How specifically will you seek to apply its truths in your home/workplace/life in general?

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