

“B.L.E.S.S. To Be A Blessing... As A Way Of Life”
Acts 8:26-40 September 18, 2022

Discern God’s _____	Acts 8:26-29
Do What God _____	Acts 8:30
Be Ready To _____ With People	Acts 8:31
Patiently Answering _____	Acts 8:32-34
Share The _____ Story	Acts 8:35-40

Next Steps For Next Week: Philip understood he was BLESSED so he could be a BLESSing to others. We are first introduced to Philip “the servant” in Acts 6.

Read Acts 6:1-7 What problem was the early church experiencing? How did the Apostles solve the problem? What were the characteristics necessary to be servants of the Hellenistic (Greek) Jews? What resulted from these early disciples using their gifts?

Read Acts 6:8 – 8:3 Stephen was another one of the 7 people chosen to serve the Hellenistic Jews. How was God’s grace and power manifested in his life? What was the message Stephen proclaimed? What happened to the church in Jerusalem after Stephen was killed?

Read Acts 8:4-13 Where did Philip go as a result of the persecution of the church? What did Philip do while he was there? How was the Good News received?

Read Acts 8:14-25 This is a story about a man who came to faith through Philip’s ministry... but then Simon sinned by wanting to “buy” the apostolic gift. Peter has strong words against Simon’s greedy desires. Do you have “greedy desires” that are holding you back from being a blessing to others? What steps can you take to overcome these desires?

Read Acts 8:26-40 What does Philip do when God speaks to him? Compare his response to the response of Moses in Exodus 3. How do you respond when God gives you directions? What was the result of Philip’s obedience?

Read Acts 21:1-9 This is the last we hear of Philip. How has his life changed since he first burst onto the scene in Acts 6? Where does he live? Why is Philip now nicknamed “the evangelist?” What godly trait, or gift, characterizes your life?

Read Genesis 12:1-3 Spend some time in prayer asking God to show you all the ways He has blessed you. Make a list of 5-10 things. How can you use these blessings to be a blessing to others?

Using the acronym B.L.E.S.S as your guide, what are some ways you are building relationships with others so you have the opportunity to share the Good News?