

OUR STORY

Proverbs 29:18

Loving you as you are;
Joining you in the journey;
Celebrating where
God is taking us.

FBCA Vision Statement (EST. 2020)

REACHING THE WORLD FOR CHRIST

We are committed to sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with people in our neighborhood and around the world.

Who's going with us? (Romans 8)

4 Risks We Take When We Tell People About Jesus:

1. **Rejection** - Philip's Precarious Ministry (8:4-8)
2. **Complex Moments** - Simon's Conversion and Request (8:9-25)
3. **Comfort Zone Exodus** - Philip's Ministry to the Ethiopian Queen's Servant (8:26-38)
4. **New Assignments** - Philip's ministry on his way to Caesarea (8:39-40)

Discussion Questions:

1. Which one of the risks we covered keep you from talking about Jesus with those who do not have a relationship with him? Discuss.
2. Is there someone in your life that you need to tell about Jesus? Pray for them by name, asking God to give you the courage and opportunity to share the gospel with them.
3. Read I Corinthians 3:6-7. Reaching the world for Christ is a team effort. Do you recognize your responsibility in sharing the gospel in the verses you read (planting the seed)? We plant, but who makes it grow? Pray for the harvest of those who have had seeds of the gospel planted in their lives.

Acts 8:5-8 Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed to them the Christ. ⁶ And the crowds with one accord paid attention to what was being said by Philip, when they heard him and saw the signs that he did. ⁷ For unclean spirits, crying out with a loud voice, came out of many who had them, and many who were paralyzed or lame were healed. ⁸ So there was much joy in that city.

Act 8:9-13 But there was a man named Simon, who had previously practiced magic in the city and amazed the people of Samaria, saying that he himself was somebody great. ¹⁰ They all paid attention to him, from the least to the greatest, saying, "This man is the power of God that is called Great." ¹¹ And they paid attention to him because for a long time he had amazed them with his magic. ¹² But when they believed Philip as he preached good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. ¹³ Even Simon himself believed, and after being baptized he continued with Philip. And seeing signs and great miracles performed, he was amazed . . .

Acts 8:18-19 Now when Simon saw that the Spirit was given through the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money, ¹⁹ saying, "Give me this power also, so that anyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit."

Acts 8:26-29 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. ²⁷ 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 ²⁸ and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹ And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot." . . .

Acts 8:39-40 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. ⁴⁰ But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

I Corinthians 3:6-7 I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷ So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth.