

## **SAVE EQUIP SEND**

### **EQUIP - What's Stopping You? FEB 19, 2017**

**THIS WEEK:** Pastor Miles shared about the meeting between the eunuch from Ethiopia and Philip in Acts ch 8. The eunuch was reading the Bible but didn't understand and asked Philip for help. Pastor Miles gave 4 points to do to understand the Bible better:

1. Read the Bible whether you understand it or not. Set a schedule.
2. Ask for help. Identify someone who can teach and guide you.
3. Trust and obey the Word.
4. Be Baptized.

#### **Opening Discussion - Opening Questions:**

Last week, we learned that Pastor Miles was the one who first encouraged Jordin Sparks to go and compete on American Idol (she went on to become the 2007 winner). We were then asked this week to unexpectedly encourage someone this week. Did anyone do that? What was it like?

This week is the second of week of Ministry Fair - where people can sign up to join the Rock Church's mission of Save, Equip, Send in any of almost 200 ministries.

For those who have served in a ministry, share how you first found out about it and how you got involved it?

#### **Read Acts 8:26-35**

How many instances of obedience are described in these passages? (Don't forget the obedience prophesied in the Old Testament passage.)

What is the difference between an angel speaking to us and the Spirit speaking to us? (verses 26, 29)

Is there any indication how eager Philip was in responding to his calling? (Hint look at the beginning of verse 30 - he "ran to him").

What do you do to get better understanding of the Bible?  
Who do you go to?

Most of us would gladly help if someone we know asked. Why is it hard for us to ask someone for help?

Has anyone asked you to help them understand a Bible passage?  
Have you asked someone else for help in understanding a Bible passage?

**Group Activity -**

Go to the Rock website, <http://www.sdrock.com/ministries/>  
and select the top 3 ministries that interest you.  
Share them with the group.

In Acts 8, Philip was living in an area where he was comfortable; many were being blessed during this great spiritual awakening in Samaria. Then he was called to a new field to minister.

What is an example of a comfort zone you are living in?

**Suggest forming into groups of 2 or 3 for these questions:**

What is an area of your life you would like to be more blessed?

Pastor Miles challenged us to disciple one another. If we want to change our lives and have a closer relationship with the Lord, we should change the people who surround us.

What changes in personal should you be making?

If someone asked you, what is your purpose, how would you answer them?

**READ LUKE 10:1-3**

How does this passage apply today to you?

**Going Deeper - Personal Challenge:**

TRUE STORY: God shows up in unexpected places.

A pastor went on a deep sea fishing trip. This charter boat had had great reviews and caught many fish each trip. However to get to the best location, it was a 6 hour trip out. Upon arrival, there was no fish. The pastor was very disappointed and asked God for help. God said to him "The fish are on the boat." There was a 6 hour return trip to minister to those on the boat...

Where can you look for God to lead you this week in ministry opportunities?

**Taking it Home - Application:**

- \* Pray about serving in a ministry, and sign up next week.
- \* Come to the Saturday morning prayer at any of the campuses. Pray to fight!

**VERSE OF THE WEEK:**

For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes. Romans 1:16

**LESSON QUOTES:** (from Pastor Miles)

"When you read your Bible, it reads you."

"Spiritually schizophrenic"

**LIFE GROUP PRAYER REQUESTS:**

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