

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

WHAT IF I... SHARING HIS PRESENCE

Matthew 6:9-10; Mark 5:25-34

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This week, Pastor Miles used the illustration of wearing a cape as a way to picture that we can take the presence of God with us wherever we go. The presence of God prepares and equips us to be ready for opportunities to share our story, share the Gospel and exhibit Jesus' character.

DISCUSSION STARTERS

Describe a time when you felt someone's hurt or sensed a need. What was that impression like? What did you do for the person or say to the person?

STUDY QUESTIONS

→ READ Acts 8:26-39

1. Read verse 29 out loud. Share a time you felt the Lord directing you to go to a place or to randomly speak to someone without having any details? Describe?
2. Share a time when you were being called to help someone who was in a status or position of authority. How did you feel or what was your reaction?
3. Read verse 30. What is the indication that Philip had discernment or was sensitive to the Ethiopian's need? Do you believe God had previously prepared him beforehand for this encounter? Share a time when you were used to help someone and later realized the Lord prepared you for the encounter.
4. Philip ran to the chariot after hearing the Spirit direct him to go and overtake the chariot. What is the impact of quick obedience? What is or can be the impact when we are slow to obey?
5. In verse 35, how do you believe Philip was able to answer the Eunuch's questions?



PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

Break into groups of 3 or 4 people:

1. Using the outline that Jesus gave in the Disciples' prayer in Matthew 6:9-13, spend some time praying to God. Begin with worshipping him, and then move on to the other topics that Jesus prays through (Pastor Miles presents it as AWCIPA: Adoration, Worship, Confession, Intercession, Petition, Adoration).
2. Share one prayer request, and then pray for each other. This would be a good time to begin keeping a prayer log, recording requests and answers to those requests each week.

TAKE IT HOME!

Ask God to prepare you for ministry opportunities and to pray *with* someone this week. Then be alert to what is going on around you, and when the opportunity shows up, ask if you can pray with the person. Then pray right then – out loud – with the person about the need that was expressed! Be willing to take some risks for God and leave the results to him.

