



SERMON NOTES

Personal Evangelism Tacklebox: Share Jesus Without Fear | Acts 8:26-38

Big Idea: The more prepared you are to share the gospel, the more likely you are to share, and the more effective you will be when you share.

Acts 8:29-38

²⁹ Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot. ³⁰ And Philip ran thither to *him*, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest? ³¹ And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him. ³² The place of the scripture which he read was this, He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth: ³³ In his humiliation his judgment was taken away: and who shall declare his generation? for his life is taken from the earth. ³⁴ And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this? of himself, or of some other man? ³⁵ Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus. ³⁶ And as they went on *their* way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, *here is* water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? ³⁷ And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. ³⁸ And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.

1. WHY WE FISH - Obedience

- When our motives stem from the very character of God, obedience stops feeling like a _____ and starts feeling like a _____.
- Personal evangelism is the _____ plan of God to reach lost people. [Matt. 28:18-20]
- 75-90% of new believers come to Christ through a _____ or _____.

MYTH: I am afraid of being rejected. I do not know enough to answer their questions.

THE TRUTH: You do not need all the answers. You need to be _____. What God cannot use is your _____.

Success is not bringing someone to Christ. Success is _____ your faith and _____ your life for Jesus Christ.

2. THE TACKLE - Share Jesus Without Fear [Acts 8:30]

- A question opens the _____. Scripture does the _____. The Holy Spirit does the _____.

The Share Jesus Questions

1. Do you have any kind of spiritual beliefs?
2. To you, who is Jesus Christ?
3. Do you believe in heaven or hell?
4. If you died, where would you go?
5. If what you are believing is not true, would you want to know?

These are less like a script and more like a _____.

The Share Jesus Scriptures [Heb. 4:12]

- Ask them to read each verse _____. Ask: what does this _____ to you?

Rom. 3:23 · Rom. 6:23 · Jn. 3:3 · Jn. 14:6 · Rom. 10:9-10 · 2 Cor. 5:15 · Rev. 3:20

The Commitment Questions [Acts 8:36]

1. Are you a sinner?
2. Do you want forgiveness?
3. Do you believe Jesus died and rose again?
4. Are you willing to surrender your life to Jesus?
5. Are you ready to invite Jesus into your life and heart?

When you ask the last question, **be silent and pray**. Ten seconds to a person under conviction can feel like ten minutes.

3. THE FISHERMAN - Passion

- Passion is not a reflection of _____.
- A passionless Christianity will not put out the _____ of hell.

This week: pick up that small Bible. Pray for the person on your list by name. When the opportunity comes, open your mouth.