

Recap of 7/18/21 message (Chris Sommerfield – Acts 8:26-40):

“Walking With God is an Adventure.”

Adventure is at our core, a part of who we are. The most amazing adventure is not found in literature or media, it is found in the truth of living in the reality of eternity as revealed in the Scriptures.

- Adventure comes from following God’s Leading

- Principle #1: Sensitivity - In order to follow God’s leading we must be sensitive to the Holy Spirit just as Philip was. When we are not in right relationship with God (through sin and neglect of our own spiritual lives) then we can dull our sensitivity to His leading.

- Principle #2: Willingness - We must be willing to go where we are led. Obedience sometimes comes with risk and takes courage.

- Adventure comes from joining in God’s Mission

- Principle #3: Understanding - Understanding God’s Mission - It is the charge for ALL believers to go and make disciples (Mt 28:19-20). God chooses to use people as instruments in the redemptive process. Look at the Divine providence found in this passage and reflect on the path that God has set before you. God directs our paths indeed. What an adventure!

- Understanding God’s Word - When Philip is asked if he can explain the text from Isaiah, he is ready because he understood God’s Word. We too need to develop our understanding. Sometimes we will be the one’s guiding people, and other times we will need a guide. Through prayer and the same Holy Spirit that empowered Philip the community of believers can help each other grow in understanding and maturity so we are all ready to engage in God’s mission.

- Principle #4: Meeting People Where They Are

- Contextualizing the Gospel is a common trend we will continue to see throughout the book of Acts.

- We Are Living In a Most Adventurous Time Indeed

- We live in the time of “Already, but Not Yet.” Between the Cross and Christ’s second coming is a time of restoration and blessing along with longing and hope of fulfillment. God is at work, and He calls us to join Him in a most exciting and adventurous time.

- Engage

- Let’s get in the fight, let’s join the adventure of sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with others and bringing them along through the power of the Holy Spirit to maturity in Christ.