

INTRODUCTION.

- A. Scripture text: [Acts 8:26-40](#).
- B. This text and tonight's lesson will hopefully make better soul winners.

I. THE GREAT COMMISSION SAYS "GO."

- A. Scripture text: Ac. 8:26-29.
- B. Philip went where the Spirit directed him. This was a miraculous communication by the Spirit.
- C. The Spirit is telling us to go into the world with the gospel by the word.
- D. We cannot expect many conversions if all we do is open the doors of the church building and let the people come to us.
- E. A side point here may be that even though the queen's treasurer was a man of high position, to whomever we are directed (that is the whole world) we must go.

II. NEVER ASSUME TOO MUCH, KNOW THE BOOK.

- A. Scripture text: Ac. 8:30-34.
- B. The queen's treasurer did not understand the scriptures.
- C. Some things that we take for granted that others know they may not know.
- D. Keep things simple at first, and then move to the more complex (Heb. 6:1ff).
- E. If young Christians are to be taught by the elementary principles of the word (milk) then so are non-Christians.
- F. Jesus taught the people simple, earthly concepts with heavenly meanings.

III. MEET OTHERS NEEDS, NOT YOUR OWN.

- A. Scripture text: Ac. 8:35.
- B. We need to answer the questions most on the minds of the people to be able to lead them to Christ.
- C. Even if it has little to do with the plan of salvation by meeting others needs we can win them to the Lord.
- D. Philip was able to adapt his message. He started in the OT and preached a NT Jesus. This message include the plan of salvation after he meet the previous need.

IV. PHILIP DID NOT FORCE CONVERSION.

- A. Scripture text: Ac. 8:36-40.
- B. The queen's treasurer was converted by the power of the word and not by anything Philip did.
- C. Our job is to sow the seed (the word of God), water it, and then let God grant the increase.
WE DON'T GIVE THE INCREASE.
- D. And Philip did not delay in doing what was right (baptism).

CONCLUSION AND INVITATION.

- A. Four simple lessons in being a soul winner:
 - 1. Follow the commission and go to the people.
 - 2. Never assume too much, keep things simple and clear.
 - 3. Meet any needs, while teaching the truth.
 - 4. Let the pure word do the work of convicting and saving.
- B. Plan of salvation for non-Xians; erring Xians.