

End Time Essentials: Gospel November 1, 2020 Discussion Notes

Everyone is encouraged to bring a Bible

(Phone apps are good for reading together in the same translation. Study Bibles give help with interpretation.)



END TIME ESSENTIALS: GOSPEL

- UNDERSTAND GOD'S PURPOSE
- UNDERSTAND GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY
- UNDERSTAND GOD'S TIMING
- UNDERSTAND GOD'S WORD
- UNDERSTAND GOD'S POWER



Questions:

1. Who first shared the gospel with you?
2. What do you personally find most difficult about sharing the gospel with others?
3. Review the points in the outline above. What stood out to you in the sermon? Do you have any questions about it?
4. Read Acts 8:26-40
 - a) What did the angel tell Philip to do?
 - b) Philip was given very simple instructions, but he wasn't told why. Why do you think God didn't give him more details up front?
 - c) What did Philip need to do to receive further instructions? What principle does this reveal? Have you experienced God working this way in your own life?
 - d) What did the Holy Spirit tell Philip to do next?
 - e) How did Philip finally understand what God was up to?
 - f) What problem was the eunuch having?
 - g) How did Philip start his gospel presentation? What principle does this reveal for us today?
 - h) How did believing in Christ affect the eunuch?
 - i) Looking back over this story, how many different ways can you see that people experienced God's word (i.e. communication from God)?
 - j) Consider the points from the sermon again. In what ways are each of them showcased in this story?
5. Going Deeper
 - a) Jesus said that the "harvest is ripe". What evidence do you see that the Ethiopian was ripe for salvation?
 - b) Do you personally know anyone who might be ripe for salvation? What signs do you see? What kinds of questions are they asking?
 - c) Do you feel equipped to explain the gospel to people? Why or why not?
 - d) What can Christians do to be more equipped? (see 1 Peter 3:15, 2 Timothy 2:15, Acts 4:29-31, and Acts 1:8)
6. Pray together that God would give you eyes to see harvest fields around you that are ripe. Pray for more workers in the harvest fields. Pray that the Holy Spirit would lead you as He led Philip. And pray for any specific needs in your group.