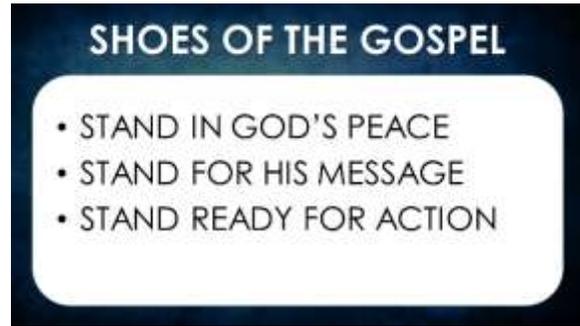


Ephesians Part 19 – Shoes of the Gospel

July 10, 2022 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.)



Questions:

1. Icebreaker question: What is a favorite pair of shoes that you have owned? What was special about them?
2. The sermon focused on the piece of the armor of God known as “the shoes of the readiness given by the gospel of peace” (Ephesians 6:15). What do you remember about each of the main points? What stood out to you or impacted you?
3. Asaph (in Psalm 73) had almost slipped because he temporarily forgot some important spiritual truths.
 - a) Are there areas in your life where you realize you are “slipping” spiritually?
 - b) What truths do you need to be reminded of?
 - c) What does it mean to “preach the gospel to yourself” and how can you effectively do it?
4. Read Acts 8:26-40
 - a) What stands out to you in this story?
 - b) Now read 1 Peter 3:15 and compare it to this story. In what ways did Philip practice the principles found in 1 Peter 3:15? (Take some time to examine this and discuss it)
 - c) Would you have been able to answer the Ethiopian official’s questions about Isaiah 53?
 - d) What steps could you take to be better prepared to “give an answer”?
5. God caused Philip and the Ethiopian official to cross paths. Who might God have caused you to cross paths with so that they might hear about “the reason for the hope that you have”?
6. Pray together for help in having the personal peace that comes from believing the gospel. Pray for good footing in your lives for the cause of the gospel. Also, pray for the spread of the true gospel in our nation and world. And pray for any specific needs in your group.