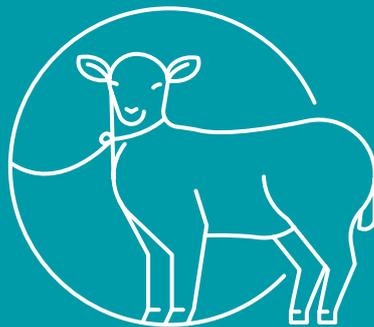


The Power of Discipleship: Witnessing



Week Five

inTro



Read This Week's Passage:
Acts 8:26–40

LIVING WATERS

The two larger bodies of water in Israel are the Sea of Galilee and the Dead Sea (or Salt Sea). These two bodies are connected by the Jordan River. While the Sea of Galilee has fresh sources of water emptying into it, it also has a mouth where water can exit. With a continual source of incoming water and a portal for outgoing water, the water there is fresh. The Dead Sea on the other hand has the incoming source of the Jordan, but no exit. In fact, the water stays stagnant and evaporates, leaving behind the salt, therefore making the water an inhospitable place (hence the site's famous reputation for buoyancy). The fresh water of the Sea of Galilee allows for many sources of life, including bountiful fish, such that the fishermen of the Gospels loved to work there. Christ Himself spent much time near the Sea of Galilee! By contrast, the high salinity causes nothing to survive in the Dead Sea.

In the past couple of weeks, the study guide has been covering the power sources of discipleship. We have come to the third aspect: witnessing. When Christ's disciples connect directly with these three power sources—prayer, Bible study, and witnessing—results are inevitable. Just like the bodies of water, our spiritual lives need sources of fresh water coming in as well as having an avenue for water to go out. This is not an option, but a necessity for healthy spirituality and discipleship.



inScribe

Write out Acts 8:26–40 from the translation of your choice. If you're pressed for time, you may write out Acts 8:29–37. You may also re-write the passage in your own words, outline, or mind-map the chapter.



Go back to your scribed text and study the passage.

Circle repeated words/ phrases/ideas

Underline words/phrases that are important and have meaning to you



Draw **Arrows** to connect words/ phrases to other associated or related words/phrases

What special insights do your marks seem overall to point to?



Memorize your favorite verse in Acts 8:26–40. Write it out multiple times to help with memorization.

How can the principles from this account of Philip's ministry be applied in your life



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After looking at your scribed and annotated text, what special insights do your marks seem to point to overall?



What questions emerge after studying this passage? What parts are difficult?

What other principles and conclusions do you find?

What about witnessing turns human nature off? How does the Bible address this



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What relationship do the following verses have with the primary passage?

- 2 Timothy 3:1–5
- Luke 8:30–39
- 1 Peter 3:15



What other verses/promises come to mind in connection with discipleship and witnessing?

A large grid of dotted lines for writing answers to the questions above.

Review your memorized verse from Acts 8:26–40.



Meditate on Acts 8:26–40 again,
and look for where Jesus is.



How is your new man working out?

What is He saying to you through
these texts?

How do you see Jesus differently
or see Him again?

Prayer: How do you respond to
seeing Jesus in this way?



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Review the memory verse.
How does it apply to your
life this week?



After this week's study of
the chapter, what personal
applications are you convicted
of in your life?

What practical applications
must you make in your school,
family, workplace, and church?

A large grid of small dots for writing.



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Share insights from this week's memory verse and Bible study as well as any discoveries, observations, and questions with your Sabbath School class (or Bible study group). Consider these discussion questions with the rest of the group.



Why is an attitude of service not seen more in the church and in society?

How have you seen the Holy Spirit move spatially, socially, and opportunistically?

How can Jesus more powerfully be the focus of our Bible studies?

In what ways can you co-labor and be yoked with Christ?

How often do you exercise physically? How often do you exercise spiritually?

Why is it difficult to make the kingdom of God our first priority?

What takes up your time? What affects your relationships with your friends, family, and community? Why are you working toward the goals you have currently chosen? Where is Jesus in any of these questions?