

ENGAGE THE WORD

SERIES

“Contagion”

Acts 8

Text. 8: 35

Simple Question

- **How can we spread Christian life from one person to another?**
- **Simple Answer: There are just two ways to spread anything you are interested in:**
 - **Live (possess) it your self**
 - **Talk about it.**

The Philip Model

- **Acts 6:3** “Choose seven men from among you who are **KNOWN** to be full of the Spirit and wisdom.”
- **Acts 8:1** “Great persecution broke out...and **ALL** except the apostles were scattered.”
- **Acts 8:4-5a** “Those who were scattered preached/spoke the word wherever they went.”
- **1 Peter 1:3-7** A look back at Acts 8.
- **Philip lived (possessed) and talked Jesus.**

God Ready

- The first call of Jesus is to belong to him in character and consistency of conduct.
- The second call is to minister to him and for him.
- Our task is to keep these two calls together and in the right order.
 - Called to Angel Food Ministry Acts 6:3-5
 - Called to Samaria Evangelism Ministry 8:4-8
 - Called to Personal Evangelism Ministry 8:26-39
 - Called to a Life of Evangelism Ministry 8:40;
21:8,9

Key Ingredients

- **Obedience flowing from a spirit centered life.**
- **Willingness to be obedient:**
 - **To a ministry of service**
 - **Within an upheaval of life's circumstances**
 - **To share ministry with others**
 - **To follow the quiet urging of the Holy Spirit**
 - **To minister to a gentile of a different race**
 - **To use media interaction**
 - **To allow the Spirit to guide him to a searching heart**

God has a Plan for Your Life

- It begins with a call to your heart to be fully, completely his servant.
 - Cleanse and fill you with his Holy Spirit
 - Cleanse and fill you in character and conduct
- In this life, God calls you to service, to simply find your gifts and strengths and use them.
- Upheaval in your life may be the point of opportunity.
- Maturity, Spirit filled living, Ministry as the Spirit guides...there is nothing better!!!