

# Message Notes

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Why Church?  
To Be Sent Out  
Acts 8:26-40  
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- Jesus instructs us, His church, to \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_. Acts 2:42-47
- We gather, then Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ us out to “\_\_\_\_\_ across \_\_\_\_\_” w/Him.
- We leave circles of “\_\_\_\_\_” to enter “zones of the \_\_\_\_\_.”

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be My witnesses, telling people about Me everywhere.” Jesus in Acts 1:8

## Being Led By The Holy Spirit

- Jesus gives His Spirit to \_\_\_\_\_ us & \_\_\_\_\_ us. John 14:15-17; Rom 8:9-16
- Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_ at work & He calls Philip to \_\_\_\_\_ Him. Acts 8:26
- Philip’s already \_\_\_\_\_ & takes a \_\_\_\_\_ of obedience. Acts 8:27
- The Holy Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ Philip to take a next \_\_\_\_\_ & he obeys. Acts 8:29
- Philip \_\_\_\_\_, asks a question & listens for \_\_\_\_\_. Acts 8:30-34
- *Compassionate* = \_\_\_\_\_ by empathy & genuine \_\_\_\_\_.
- *Curiosity* = strong desire to \_\_\_\_\_ something; genuine \_\_\_\_\_.
- He \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ about Jesus & leaves the \_\_\_\_\_ to God. Acts 8:35-40

The Holy Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and walk along beside the carriage.”  
Philip ran over and heard the man reading from the prophet Isaiah.  
Philip asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” Acts 8:29-30

## Walking With 3-D Vision

- ① Develop \_\_\_\_\_ with people who are \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_.
- ② Discover \_\_\_\_\_ to learn what God’s already “\_\_\_\_\_” in their lives.
- ③ Discern \_\_\_\_\_: What do You want me to know & do, Lord?

## Practicing Compassionate Curiosity

The goal is never to force a conversation but to discern how God may already be at work in someone’s life.

Get to know a person’s story. Listen with eye contact and genuine interest, asking the Holy Spirit to help you as you listen.

Ask open-ended questions (like how or what?) more than closed questions that require yes or no answers.

Be more of a “what about you?” than a “let me tell you all about me” person. Try to ask about them first.

- Where did you grow up? Where did you go to high school?
- How many siblings did you have? Tell me about your family.
- What was the “warmest” room in your home growing up, and why?
- (if it applies) How did you & your spouse/significant other meet?
- What do you do for a living? What do you like about it?
- What place would you like to visit if you could?
- What do you do to relax & have fun? Any hobbies?
- What’s your favorite ice cream flavor? Food? Music?
- What are you learning? Reading? Watching?
- What’s encouraged you lately? What’s been challenging?
- If money were no object, what would you do?
- What advice or wisdom have you received that you’d pass on?
- What person in history do you most admire? Tell me more.
- Do you have any kind of spiritual beliefs?
- Did you grow up going to church? If so, what was it like for you?
- If you could ask God one question, what would it be?
- Who is Jesus to you?
- Do you know where you’re going when you die?