

w/b 6th October 2019

THEME: HOLY SPIRIT: PERSON, PRESENCE, POWER - HOLY SPIRIT LEADS US

LIFE APPLICATION PASSAGE: ACTS 8:4-40

INTRODUCTION - In his sermon on Sunday, Miro addressed various aspects of how Holy Spirit works in our lives. One of his key areas of activity is the way in which he leads us. Acts chapter 8 looks at this and much more.

LAUNCH

When was the last time you got lost? On a walk, in the car or out and about? Why did you get lost and how did you get out of the situation?

DISCOVERY & UNDERSTANDING

PART 1: SAMARIA

As you read this passage, there are a number of things we learn about Holy Spirit and how he operates. What are they?

Why is Simon particularly captivated by what is going on? (v7-13)

When he offers a bribe to receive a similar gift, he is dealt with very harshly by Peter. Why do you think this is or was Peter just having an off day?

Sometimes we can desire Holy Spirit's power without submitting ourselves to his authority. What is the problem with this arrangement?

PART 2: THE ETHIOPIAN EUNUCH

In verse 26, the story shifts south to the road to Gaza. Philip receives specific instruction from Holy Spirit to be in a certain place at a certain time. Do you think he instructs us in a similar way today?

How can we be more responsive to his prompting and leading to be involved in similar encounters?

In what way is Isaiah 53 a particularly good passage for sharing the gospel?

What aspects of the bible do non Christians that you know find difficult or troubling? How might you respond to some of these questions?

APPLICATION

Pray for Spirit led divine encounters with those who do not know Christ.

Pray for a creative flexibility to move out of your routine and strike up new conversations and relationships with people you do not usually spend time with.

Adapted from Tom Wright study in Acts chapter 8