



Gospel Talk
A Study of *Tell Someone* (Chapter 6)
"Show and Tell"
John 4:1-18 / Acts 8:26-35

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"So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him." (Acts 8:30-31)

I. It's Testimony Time

- a. Share your story: 1) faith story; 2) Evangelism efforts; 3) praise report
- b. What are your thoughts concerning our reading? Have you experienced divine appointments?
- c. Research indicates that 25% of our national population would go to church if a friend invited them.

II. Engage People with You and The Truth

- a. The best way to share your faith is to engage a person. Get them to talk about themselves.
- b. Don't be that hateful Christian who says, "You are on your way to hell!"
 1. Don't be the know-it-all Christian who debates instead of witnessing
 2. Don't be the holier-than-thou Christian who believes they are so spiritually elevated that they cannot relate to the sinner.
- c. Jesus-style evangelism means meeting people where they are in their space. Just as Jesus came into the world, He met us in our space.
- d. The day God asked a sinner for a drink. The case of the "Woman at the Well." (John 4)
- e. Jesus entered her space and engaged her with a request, "Give me a drink."
- f. Engagement questions/statements. (p. 58)
- g. Can you suggest other statements/questions of engagement that will allow you to enter another person's space?
- h. *His appointments are often found in our disappointments.* (p. 54)
- i. Why are Bible tracts, alone, not very effective tools of personally engaging other people?
- j. According to the author, what else is required?

III. Evangelism Requires Our Availability (Acts 8:26-35)

- a. The angel could have told the Ethiopian official *how* to be saved, but God did not give that mission to angels. Why?
 1. Angels have never experienced the impact of life in this world, therefore they can never bear witness to what it means to be saved.
- b. It appears that Philip was consistently in tune with the Holy Spirit's direction for his life.
- c. *Holy* means to be set apart. *Availability* is defined as being present and ready for use. *Holy Availability* will lead us to *Evangelism Availability*.
 1. The Holy Spirit will lead us to the lost if we are willing to go, to experience and to sacrifice.
- d. Philip was not intimidated by culture, ethnicity, status, or wealth. He went where he had never gone before.
- e. Jesus commands us to go and enter in another's space. The Holy Spirit empowers us to enter.
- f. In every engagement, one size does not fit all. Be friendly, engaging, and caring.