



**Connect Group Study**  
 Week #10 March 8-14, 2020  
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## Good News SHARING with Others

**Sunday's Teaching:** This series-completing teaching in WINSOME focused on our readiness to share the gospel: our eagerness, our Spirit-dependence, and our clarity with those whom the Lord has prepared to hear the good news. It has been our prayer that these first 10 weeks in 2020 will lead all of us into a consistent lifestyle of **loving to share the good news**. Such a lifestyle will energize Christ Community's mission to *connect people to life-defining relationships in Christ*.

**Let's get STARTED** – have everyone “take” the evaluation here, and then share your thoughts behind it. Of a possible “50 points,” how did you score? Why? What might you like to improve?

### Let's Explore in the WORD

Our focus in this study is Philip's encounter with the court official from Ethiopia, who as he was leaving Jerusalem to return home, was reading a copy of Isaiah's prophetic book. Open Bibles to Acts 8:26-40

- (1) READ the story out-loud together
- (2) MAKE OBSERVATIONS about the story – raise questions that come to mind and give likely answers. For example
  - how would this official gotten a (hand-written) copy of *Isaiah*?
  - how far along in the prophecy had he read?
  - what do you see in the attitude of the Ethiopian?
  - what kind of preparation would Philip need to be able to handle his questions
  - WHAT QUESTIONS COME TO YOUR MIND?

(3) LESSONS – what personal lessons do you get from Philip's example here about readiness to share the gospel? Jot 2-3 of them down for your own future reflection

- a) \_\_\_\_\_
- b) \_\_\_\_\_
- c) \_\_\_\_\_

### Life Question Self-Evaluation

*A life defined by following Christ in our mission:  
 Connecting people to life-defining relationships in Christ.*

Personal Question #4: How Worn Is My Welcome Mat?

Focus: Developing close loving relationships where the Gospel can be shared, and becoming equipped to share when the opportunity comes.

Biblical references: **Matthew 28:19-20**

*This self-evaluation process can help you consider how your life is defined in Christ. After completing the self-evaluation, you can begin working on a personal growth plan.*

### Please answer this spiritual self-inventory

1=Never 2=Seldom 3=Occasionally 4=Frequently 5=Always

Life-Defining Spiritual Disciplines	Response
1. A large percentage of my community contacts know that I am a Christian.	1 2 3 4 5
2. My actions reveal a belief in and commitment to the Great Commission (Mt.28:19-20).	1 2 3 4 5
3. I regularly have spiritual conversation with people who don't share my spiritual beliefs.	1 2 3 4 5
4. I can confidently and graciously explain the Gospel to someone.	1 2 3 4 5
5. I typically move toward people who have publicly made mistakes.	1 2 3 4 5
6. I am prepared to share my personal testimony at any time.	1 2 3 4 5
7. I intentionally pray for my friends, family, and neighbors to trust Christ.	1 2 3 4 5
8. I intentionally care for people in my local mission field.	1 2 3 4 5
9. I intentionally share my walk of faith with people in my local mission field.	1 2 3 4 5
10. "Messy" people are welcomed into my life and my home.	1 2 3 4 5
How Worn Is My Welcome Mat?	TOTAL



### Let's Prioritize APPLICATION

In the final section of the WINSOME devotional, “Sharing with Others”, there are scriptures which underscore the following:

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|-------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| Acts 8:29-34      | Being Ready to share            | 1 Peter 3:14-17   | Being Humble in sharing        |
| John 1:26-30      | Being Clear about what to share | 1 Timothy 1:12-15 | Being Vulnerable in my sharing |
| Ephesians 5:15-16 | Being Wise in sharing           | Acts 1:6-9        | Being dependent on the Spirit  |
| Matthew 10:16-20  | Being Courageous to share       |                   |                                |

Which of these would you like the Lord to GROW in your life? \_\_\_\_\_

Explain to your group, and make all of your GROW areas a matter in your prayer time.

Thank you for growing in Life Question #4 How Worn is My Welcome Mat? Pastor David