

Missionaries – Part 10

Philip the Missionary

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School--an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are continuing a series of studies on Missionaries. Our topic today: Philip the Missionary.

Scripture Theme Song: “You are a Chosen Generation” (1 Peter 2:9)

- 1) Philip, the deacon
 - a) Acts 6:1-6
 - i) What can we learn about Philip’s character from this passage?
 - ii) What was Philip’s original ministry assignment?
 - (1) Acts 2:44-47
 - (2) Acts 4:34-37
 - b) How did the delegation of responsibility help in the growth of the Christian church? Acts 6:7
- 2) Philip the evangelist
 - a) Do you remember the prayer of Jabez? 1 Chron. 4:9-10
 - b) Remember also the promise of Jesus in Acts 1:8.
 - c) How does the Holy Spirit enlarge Philip’s territory? Acts 8:1-5
 - i) Persecution resulted in more mission work.
 - ii) Should we pray for persecution?
 - iii) How should we respond when persecution comes?
- d) Acts 8:5-8 – Philip’s ministry in Samaria
- e) Acts 8:14-15 – Philip was not one of the key leaders in the Christian church but he was used by God to bring about a major breakthrough in missions. What lesson can we learn from this story?
- 3) A miraculous meeting with an Ethiopian official
 - a) How does Philip’s experience in Samaria prepare him for a miraculous meeting with the Ethiopian official?
 - b) Acts 8:26-31 – what impresses you so far in the story?
 - c) Acts 8:32-39 – what important lessons about mission work can we learn from Philip the deacon, now Philip the evangelist?
 - d) How was this miracle on the Gaza road similar to the miracles in Samaria and how was it different?
 - e) Should we expect similar miracles today? What hindrances need to be removed?
- 4) Mission work continues
 - a) Acts 8:40 – Philip preached his way up the entire coastline of Palestine, about 80 kilometers from the south to the north until he arrived at Caesarea!
 - b) What has happened to this deacon?
 - c) The rest of the story – Acts 21:8-10
 - i) What important insights about Philip can we learn from this passage?
 - ii) Why is our mission to our own family a top priority?
- 5) What inspiration do you find in Philip’s life and ministry for your mission work today?