

What's the Big Idea?

Part 3 - Our Samaria

Philip, for example, went to the city of Samaria and told the people there about the Messiah.” Acts 8:1b-5 (NLT)

Question: Who/What are your Samaritans?

A Couple of Big Ideas for 2008:

- Ministry to the addicted & infected
- Ministry to the Incarcerated
- Ministry to the Aged & Infirm
- Ministry to the Urban Homeless

Remember Three Things.

- a) You aren't supposed to do EVERYTHING
- b) You are supposed to do SOMETHING
- c) You won't regret ANYTHING

“Crowds listened intently to what he had to say because of the miracles he did. Many evil spirits were cast out, screaming as they left their victims. And many who had been paralyzed or lame were healed. So there was great joy in that city.” Acts 8:6-8 (NLT)

Question (again): What ‘Samaria’ are you supposed to go to? Will you go?

Another God-Shaped Plan:

Acts 8:26-40

- 1) God spoke to Philip.
- 2) God sometimes says very surprising things
- 3) Philip simply obeyed God

“So he did...” v. 27 (NLT)

Question: Who is God calling you to go over to and to walk along side of!?

Why Calvary Is ‘Digging Deeper’

- It Extends God's Message into the Week
- It Can Easily/Cheaply Go Home With Us
- It Gives Us All Common Ground/Foundations
- It Creates Opportunity For Further Dialogue & Questions
- It Allows For Greater Accountability & Application
- It Enables Our Church/Groups to Work Together in Unity
- It Prepares Facilitators/Apprentices for the Work of Discipleship and Multiplication

“When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught Philip away. The eunuch never saw him again but went on his way rejoicing. Meanwhile, Philip found himself farther north at the city of Azotus! He preached the Good News there and in every city along the way until he came to Caesarea.” Vv. 39-40

Question (once again): What can you do, in obedience and to the glory of God, to extend God's grace & mercy into *YOUR* ‘Samaria?’ **DO IT!**