

Sermon Series: Acts: The Church on Fire

Acts 8:26-40 *God's Word, God's Work*

***God works through faith**

⇒ In college, the van won't start so after "staring" at the motor we decide to pray.

I. God's Servant

- A. Philip
- B. A divine appointment
- C. Faithfulness and obedience made him great, not achievements
- D. Asks, "Do you understand what you are reading?"

II. God's Creation

- A. The Ethiopian Eunuch
- B. Had been to Jerusalem for worship
- C. Reading the prophet Isaiah
- D. Asks, "How can I, unless someone guides me?"

III. God's Plan

- A. God wishes that none would perish (2 Peter 3:9/ Acts 1:8)
- B. Philip told him the good news about Jesus
- C. Asks, "What is to prevent me from being baptized?"

IV. Epilogue

- A. Philip is taken away
- B. The eunuch continues on rejoicing
- C. Philip continues his ministry

V. Live It Out

- A. Salvation is God's creation trusting to be redeemed through the work of God: Have you trusted God or your own understanding? (Do you understand what you are reading?)
- B. God works through faith: Where is your faith in God being used to help others understand who Christ is? (How can I, unless someone guides me?)
- C. Baptism is the wedding ring of the holy union between God and man: You

need the Word, water, and a will to be baptized (What prevents me from being baptized?)

VI. God's work saves us. God's Word testifies to this work. God's workers proclaim this Word.