Christian Challenge of Wichita Study Guide
Nations Night: Acts 8:26-39
10/1/26

“Rise and Go” — Acts 8:26–29

Read Acts 8:26–29.

- When God tells Philip to go toward Gaza, how much information does Philip actually receive about what God is going to do? What stands out to you about Philip’s response?
- Why do you think we often want God to show us the **whole plan** before we are willing to obey the next step?
- What are some questions, fears, or uncertainties that can make it difficult for us to say “yes” when God gives us an opportunity to share the gospel or go somewhere unfamiliar?
- Brad emphasized that Philip simply obeyed the part God had given him. **Where might God be asking you to take a step of obedience even though you don't know exactly what will happen afterward?**

“Unless Someone Guides Me” — Acts 8:30–39

Read Acts 8:30–39.

- What evidence do you see that God was already at work in the Ethiopian’s life before Philip ever approached his chariot?
- Brad pointed out three things involved in this man coming to faith: **the Holy Spirit, God’s Word, and Philip’s faithful explanation.** How does each contribute in this passage? What does this teach us about our role when sharing the gospel?
- The Ethiopian asks, **“How can I, unless someone guides me?”** What does that question reveal about why simply having access to spiritual information is not always the same as understanding the gospel?
- Philip begins with the Scripture the Ethiopian is already reading and “told him the good news about Jesus.” What can we learn from Philip about how to have gospel conversations with people who have different backgrounds, cultures, or beliefs than our own?

“How Are They to Hear?” — Romans 10:12–15

Read Romans 10:12–15.

- According to verses 12–13, **who is the gospel for?** How does that connect with Jesus’ command to make disciples of all nations?
- Follow Paul’s progression in verses 14–15: **sent → preach → hear → believe → call on Jesus.** Why is the “sent” part of that progression so important?
- Brad talked about people around the world who may not have a Christian among their family or friends, a local church they can visit, or easy access to Scripture. How does thinking about real people rather than simply maps or statistics affect the way you think about international missions?

“I’ll Go”

- Brad shared that when he first went overseas, he had plenty of reasons to hesitate. He didn't know exactly what would happen, who he would meet, or how God would use his decision. **What would you personally have the hardest time giving up or leaving behind to spend part of a summer sharing the gospel overseas? Why?**
- College provides a unique season of flexibility that may not always be available later in life. **What are you currently hoping or planning to do with your upcoming summer? Have you genuinely made those plans available to God? Why or why not?**
- You may not know whether God is asking you to go overseas this summer. But are you willing to sincerely ask Him? **What fears, questions, finances, relationships, career opportunities, or other concerns would make it difficult for you to say, “Lord, if you want me to go, I’ll go”?**

Pray Together

Spend some time praying specifically for people around the world who have little or no access to the gospel.

Ask God to raise up men and women from our ministry who are willing to take the good news of Jesus to the nations.

Finally, spend some time silently praying:

“Lord, how do You want me to invest my summer for Your Kingdom? If You want me to go, I’m willing to go.