

Series: The Blueprint for Church Health
Message: Willing Witnesses
Text: Acts 8:26-39 (AM 9/23/07)

In today's text we pick up the intriguing story of Phillip. Phillip was a first century deacon in the Jerusalem church who devoted his life to serving and sharing. Through Phillip's life God reveals to contemporary Christians how to be willing witnesses.

I. Willing Witnesses Go. (26-28)

Christ enlists us to go with the Gospel

1st We must be observant (26a)

2nd We must be obedient (26b-27a)

3rd We must be optimistic (27b)

II. Willing Witnesses Give. (29-35)

Christ empowers us to give the Gospel

1st As we go God prepares the wayward (28-31)

2nd As we go God prepares the witness (34-35a)

3rd As we go God prepares our words (35b)

III. Willing Witnesses Guide (36-39)

Christ enjoins us to make disciples with the Gospel

1st Guide them in their personal decision (36-37a)

2nd Guide them in their public profession (37b)

3rd Guide them in their practical expression (38)

4th Guide them to be proficient participants (39)

Application to life: Heaven is waiting and our world is watching...
What will you do with the gospel!