

Growth Group Discussion

For the week of September 17, 2023

1. Read Acts 8:26-40 and find the following five characteristics from Philip's example of how to impact someone:
 - a. Follow the promptings of the Holy Spirit so that we can locate the opportunities for sharing Jesus.
 - b. Step outside of your comfort zone.
 - c. Walk alongside people and earn an invite.
 - d. Seek to understand others, not to be understood.
 - e. Show people what Jesus did for them, not what they must do.
2. When it comes to impacting others, we start where others are, not with what we know. Because we should not argue with people or force them into the Kingdom. Our goal is to walk alongside them with grace and mercy. Read 2 Timothy 2:22-26; 1 John 3:18-20 and answer the questions below
 - a. How might the following passages help us in accomplishing this, as we seek to share the Gospel with people we're coming alongside?

b. What guidelines do you see in these passages for how you can share Jesus with others?

3. The Apostle Paul is an example of someone who made an incredible impact on people. In Philippians 1:12-14 and Colossians 4:2-6, we see that even while in prison he desired to talk with people about Jesus. What do we learn about Paul's attitude regarding sharing the Gospel from these passages?

a. Where do you see the five characteristics of Philip's example from question one above reflected in these two passages?

b. What does Paul's prayer request suggest is important about his dependence on God?

c. How might Paul's instructions influence the way you walk through doors God opens for you?

HOW CAN YOU APPLY THIS LESSON TO YOUR LIFE

Is there someone in your life you are building an intentional relationship with right now? If so, what is the next step? If not, who is someone in your circle of influence that you could build an intentional relationship with?