

Witnessing IOI
Acts 8:26-40
Series: Book of Acts, #9
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- 1. Actively obey God. (26, 27, 29, 40)
- 2. Look for opportunities. (27-30)
- 3. Respect people you approach. (30-31)
- 4. Begin where the person is. (35)
- 5. Finish the job. (38)

In My Life This Week

As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.

Monday. Read Acts 8:26-40. "Witnessing is not my thing." Whether you think it is *your thing* or not, as a believer you *are* a witness and Christ directs you to be His witness. Think about the first key principle for witnessing we looked at yesterday—that witnessing is a matter of obedience. How obedient are you in this important area.

Tuesday. A second lesson on witnessing from Philip is to actively look for opportunities. Are you aware of opportunities you have had already this week? Review 8:27-30 to see how Philip was looking for an opportunity to speak to the court official. Ask God to help you see opportunities He brings you this week.

Wednesday. Philip teaches us that an effective witness respects the people they approach (*cf.* 30). No one wants to be someone's project. As you think of people you know who need Christ, respect who they are, and work on a *relationship*, not a *project*.

Thursday. Philip's example also teaches us to begin where the person is (35), and to finish the job (38). Listening and responding to the questions and ideas of the other person are important. How often do you *finish the job*—to make sure they understand the gospel and you invite them to accept Christ?

Friday – Saturday. On Sunday we plan to consider *The 168 Hour Work Week* from Acts 9:1-19. Read and think through this section in preparation for our time together.