

# Kingdom People

Followers of Jesus are ambassadors for Jesus

## Key Scripture

Acts 8:1-8, 26-40

## Summary

Philip was a follower of Jesus, he was filled with the Holy Spirit and served God in response to the prompting of the Holy Spirit. When the church was scattered he went out proclaiming the good news of Jesus and in response people's lives were transformed. The following pattern is seen in Philip's ministry: devotion to Jesus, proclamation of Jesus, demonstration of Jesus' power. Philip waits for the filling and prompting of the Holy Spirit before going and proclaiming the one he knows; Jesus who he has spent time with.

If we, like Philip, are followers of Jesus, then we are included in God's kingdom, plans and purposes. We are invited to incline our hearts towards Jesus in devotion and to be filled with the Holy Spirit. As we listen to the Holy Spirit we hear the Holy Spirit's invitation to go and proclaim Jesus to people. When we proclaim Jesus we do so expectant that the Holy Spirit will bring transformation and wholeness in the lives of people.

## Questions

1. Take some time on your own or with others to reflect on where you are currently. Is this a time to wait to be filled with the Holy Spirit or a time to go, in response to the invitation of the Holy Spirit, and proclaim Jesus?
2. How might you talk about your relationship with Jesus to someone? What words, pictures, stories might you share?
3. Are there people that the Holy Spirit has put on your heart? This could be individually or perhaps the Holy Spirit is calling you as a small community to focus on specific people.
4. How might you connect with these people in a way that meets them where they are?
5. How do you feel about the Holy Spirit demonstrating the power of Jesus in response to your proclamation of Jesus?

Take some time to wait in the presence of Jesus and hear the invitation of the Holy Spirit. Pray for boldness and courage to respond to the Holy Spirit's invitation.