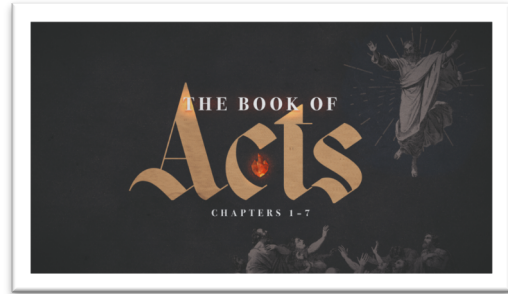


# WHAT PREVENTS ME FROM BEING BAPTIZED?

ACTS 8:26-40 // PASTOR TODD DUGARD  
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*Unbelievers will be saved and baptized when I go anywhere and speak to anyone about Jesus (8:26-29), make the effort to listen to their story (8:30-34), share the gospel and trust God to work (8:35-39), and do it again and again and again (8:40).*

## GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Who was the first person to share the gospel with you? What truth did God use them to clarify in your life?
2. **Philip was supernaturally specifically directed to share the gospel with a specific person in “a desert place” (Acts 8:26). Yet in Azotus, he also “preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea. We see general evangelism and specific encounters throughout Acts.** Which approach would you prefer as the normal experience for believers when it comes to sharing the gospel? Why might God’s word show us variations on how the great commission (Matthew 28:18-20) was carried out?
3. **God had a greater purpose for sending Philip to the Ethiopian Eunuch. They were from different cultures and on different social levels.** How do you feel about salvation happen in people that seem vastly different to you? What confidence does Christ’s authority give you when you minister to people with greater social status?
4. **Pastor Todd mentions several frameworks for explaining the Gospel to people.** What is the advantage of learning a framework like the Romans Road or [5 Gospel Words](#)? What do you think are the most important elements of Gospel message? What must people know in order to be saved?

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5. **The only thing keeping the Ethiopian Eunuch from being baptized was a not knowing that Jesus was the Messiah. God had led Philip to someone whose day of salvation was at hand.** Has God shown you anyone who is close to salvation? What are some clear indicators that a person is ready to receive Jesus as Lord and Saviour?