

Women in the Word
Philip's Journeys
Lesson 8
Acts 8:4-40
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Today's Special:
Philip's Evangelism Sandwich

This hearty entrée arrives on a Saul-ted deli roll that we call the travel combo, with fillings inspired by the missionary journeys of Philip the Evangelist. It comes with cheese, baloney, lettuce, mustard, and pickles. One substitution allowed (ask your server for details).

| Ingredients | Restaurant Location | Customers | Source |
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| Cheese ...for on-the-go energy | Samaria | Samaritans, mixed Jewish & Gentile ancestry | Acts 8:4-8 |
| Baloney ...a mystery meat (substitution available at no extra charge) | Samaria | Simon "the Great," a Gentile | Acts 8:9-25 |
| Lettuce ...for crunch time | Gaza | Ethiopian Eunuch, a Gentile | Acts 8:26-39 Isaiah 53 |
| Mustard ...for flavor | Azotus/Ashdod | Jews & Gentiles | Acts 8:40 |
| Pickles ...for preservation | Caesarea | Jews & Gentiles | Acts 21:8-9 |

Evangelism Lessons from Philip

Be flexible. Philip is serving in one ministry and then is called to another. He's great at running the food bank but is willing to move on when the time comes.

Be obedient. When an angel or the Holy Spirit tells him to do something, he does it.

Be prepared. He'd learned from the apostles and he knows the Scriptures and how to proclaim the good news.

Listen for an opening and then keep listening. Philip establishes rapport by asking a question and engaging the Ethiopian in conversation. When the Ethiopian expresses curiosity, Philip explains the Scriptures and keeps listening and responding accordingly.

Stick to the topic. Philip doesn't waste time on side issues; he doesn't argue or debate. His focus is on Jesus Christ.

Build Your Own Fish Sandwich

- Grab some cheese, because we're always on the run.
- Swap out the baloney for fish, because we rely on Jesus for everything.
- Use plenty of lettuce, because the time crunch motivates us.
- Slather on the mustard, because as followers of Christ, life is never dull, bland, or boring.
- Don't forget the pickles, because the Holy Spirit preserves us, no matter what.

