#5 – Living with Eternal Impact

Acts 8

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**Everyone’s welcome**

**Because nobody’s perfect**

**God has BIG plans for your life**

**Goal today**: Show you how ordinary, everyday people make eternal impact

How does an ordinary, everyday person make eternal impact?

1 – Live with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ purpose

How does an ordinary, everyday person make eternal impact?

2 – Live with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

How does an ordinary, everyday person make eternal impact?

3 – Live with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Growth Group Preparation Questions**

For the week of October 7, 2018

Prepare for your Growth Group discussion by taking some time to go through the following Growth Group Questions (G2Qs) and be ready to share your thoughts and answers with your group. Have a great time Growing in the Word, Growing in Relationships and Moving Outward to impact others.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1. How many times did your family move while you were living with your parents?
2. Share a time when you knew that God was asking you to do something, but it didn’t make sense to you at the time.

DIGGING DEEPER

Each week we’ve included these key things to remember. This week try to fill them in from memory:

* After the Holy Spirit impacts you, you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Being a Witness =
* Our new Vision… Foothills Bible Church, where:

1. Looking back at your sermon notes, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, was new, challenging or confusing to you?
2. Followers of Christ all have the same primary purposes. Read Matthew 22:36-40 and Matthew 28:16-20 and write down what they are.
3. As we see in Acts 8:1-4, persecution pushed the early church out of their comfort zone and into fulfilling God’s purpose (to take the Gospel to the ends of the earth). Can you think of a time when God used a difficult or painful circumstance in your life to push you out of your comfort zone and into fulfilling His purposes in your life?
4. God is calling us to be faithfully obedient to His purposes. What is one small thing in your life that you can demonstrate your faithful obedience? What is a big thing in which you want to demonstrate your faithful obedience?
5. In Acts 8:29, why did the Holy Spirit instruct Philip to stand near the chariot? Has God ever set up an appointment for you to share the Gospel?
6. The eunuch was reading Isaiah 53. How does Jesus’ life fit what is described in that chapter and how could you use that when witnessing to others?

1. How is praying for your neighbors going? Have you started to pray the same thing each time? Have you noticed anything new occurring?

Taking it Home

* Write down at least two ways in which you can be more welcoming, hospitable and gracious to the people in your neighborhood, workplace and church.
* Take some time to do some self-reflection concerning your own imperfections. Think about how you would feel if you were rejected because of them.
* Living in the “daily grind” can desensitize us to the Spirit's leading. To help with this, each morning ask for God to heighten your sensitivity to the Spirit’s leading and look for opportunities each day to serve others and share your faith.

Growth Group Prayer Requests: