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Message Recap

In Acts 8, Philip leaves a citywide revival to meet one searching man on a desert road. Through their encounter, we discover four powerful truths:

- God will leave a crowd to reach one.
- Nobody gets it alone.
- Nothing stands in the way of responding to Jesus.
- Repentance is revealed in obedience.

Baptism was the Ethiopian official's first act of obedience after trusting Christ, but the message challenged all of us to ask: **What is the next "yes" Jesus is asking of me?** Whether it's baptism, forgiveness, generosity, purity, serving, or trusting Him in a new area, spiritual growth always begins with our next step of obedience.

Icebreaker / Personal Reflection

- **Icebreaker:**

What's an area (or areas) in your personal life where you have a tendency to procrastinate?

- **Reflection:**

What part of the message resonated with you the most?

Discussion Questions

1. Share a time when God interrupted your plans unexpectedly, and it turned out to be a significant moment for you?
2. Even though the Ethiopian official was successful, he allowed someone to guide him. Why is asking for help or allowing others to speak into our lives often difficult? What role has Christian community played in helping you grow?
3. Why do you think obedience is often delayed even when we already know what God is asking us to do? What's the difference between being inspired by truth and actually acting on it?
4. In addition to baptism, Pastor Byron also mentioned forgiveness, generosity, purity, serving, and other areas of obedience. What's one area where you sense God inviting you to take your next step?
5. Why do you think obedience often strengthens our faith more than simply gaining more knowledge?

For Additional Study

Read James 1:22-25

Questions

- What does James say is the difference between hearing God's Word and truly responding to it?
- What is one specific action God is calling you to put into practice this week?

Read Luke 9:23-25

Questions

- What do you think Jesus meant by taking up your cross daily?
- Why is following Jesus described as a daily decision rather than a one-time event?
- How does daily obedience prepare us for the bigger moments when God calls us to trust Him?