

# "What Happens Next When I Pray for One?" Acts 8:26-40 May 18, 21-22, 2016: Cam Huxford, Senior Pastor

1 Peter 3:15 NIV

Learning to talk comfortably, gently and respectfully with other people about what Jesus means to you is <u>NORMAL</u> for any follower of Jesus.

#### I. Be Available to God...for Whatever!

Philip volunteers to serve on a team of <u>servant-leaders</u> who will find a solution to that problem and bring healing to that situation. *Acts* 6

Philip was a business man who became a follower of Jesus...and then leveraged his ability to serve the Lord...showing that the greatest ability is availability!

# Three stages of spiritual development:

- · Start off your ministry serving.
- Leverage your <u>maturity</u> in some specific ministry!
- Make a developmental impact on people and churches in the future.

Anyone who is available for ministry will find themselves in the ministry as well.

# II. Be Alert to the Opportunities All Around You.

When God leads you it will always be a <u>compelling</u> sense that you should do something that is do-able (but usually uncomfortable) and Biblical (it will never contradict anything in the Bible)

Because Philip was available to God and obedient to God, he was utilized by God.

God is always at work around us and invites us to become involved with Him in His work.

## Two adjustments you'll need to make:

- Follow the leading of God in your life!
- Pray for One at various locations in your life.

# The Three Nots:

- Not connected to any <u>church</u>.
- Not doing well right now.
- Not <u>prepared</u> for what I'm facing.

# III. Be Focused on Jesus.

Whenever a person is confused about Christianity it's imperative to get them to center their attention on <u>Jesus</u>. *Isaiah* 53:7-8

We could all meet someone this week whose eternal life will be influenced by whether or not we pray for One!

# **Ministry Opportunities**

For more information about these and other events, go to SavannahChristian.com/Events.

# **Last Wednesday Night Meal**

5 - 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 25

#### **Fellowship Hall**

Over the summer we will not serve meals before the Wednesday night service. We will start serving meals again in August.

# **Construction Prayer**

After select services, May 25, 28 - 29

#### Meet at the doors on left side of the current Worship Center

Our new Worship Center will make room for more people to hear about Jesus. Join us in the construction site and pray for the lives that will be changed in this new space. Meet immediately after the 6:45 p.m. Wednesday, 6:15 p.m. Saturday or 11 a.m. Sunday service next week.

# Standing on the Word: 21 Days of Scripture Reading

1 - 9 p.m. Saturday, May 28 - Friday, June 17, and 9 a.m. - noon Saturday, June 18

# **New Worship Center**

For hundreds of years, God's people have read scripture aloud and experienced its transformational power. People in Jerusalem still do this as part of their worship. Be part of speaking God's Word over the new Worship Center in the 21 days before our first service there. Sign up for 30-minute time slots at Connecting Point for May 28 - June 17, or just show up between 9 a.m. and noon on June 18, when we'll read through the entire Bible in three hours.

#### Children's Ministry Re-Registration

To move up to the next age group in Kidstreet and Elevate in June, parents must re-register their children by Sunday, May 29. If you didn't receive an email with instructions and a link to the online re-registration form, contact Michele at mswails@savannahchristian.com.

# Women's Life Group and Bible Study New Facilitator Training

6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 8

#### **Room 203**

Are you interested in facilitating a women's study this fall? Come to this training session led by Sarah Huxford. This is a great opportunity to grow in your faith and encourage other women in theirs. For more information and to sign up, email Stacey at smagoon@savannahchristian.com.

# 2016 Year-To-Date Giving and Attendance Through April

Average Weekly Attendance: 8,232

General Giving: \$4,991,889 Faith Promise (Global Outreach): \$374,484

The ONE Campaign Pledged: \$11,467,814 The ONE Campaign Received: \$10,479,130 (91%)

Online, Mobile and Kiosk Giving: 48% of Total Giving YTD

YTD Transfers and Baptisms: 351