

Growth Group Discussion Questions—Nov. 15-21

1. What's the best pet that you ever had?
2. What one big idea, point, or story from Tom's message will really stick with you and why?
3. The slogan for our missions conference is "Won by one." Think back to the time that you were won for the Lord. Recall the circumstances, the place, and especially the people who introduced you to Jesus. Were they Bible scholars, professional evangelists, big-name pastors...or more ordinary? Who did God use to bring you the good news about the Savior?
4. Digging in together. Let's read Acts 8:26-40, a colorful and inspiring story about someone who was "Won by one." After you read it as a growth group, go back through the story discussing the following questions:
 - A. Re-read Acts 8:26-27. Who are the two main characters in the story? What immediate barriers do you see to the gospel being successfully transmitted? (e.g. cultural, racial, socio-economic, physical)
 - B. Re-read Acts 8:28-30. There was a third person in the story and his role was critical. Who was it and how was his involvement essential for success? How can we detect the presence and leading of this third person in our own spiritual conversations with others?
 - C. Re-read Acts 8:31-33. What role did the Word of God have in their conversation about Jesus? What role should the Word have in our own conversations with others about the Lord?
 - D. Re-read Acts 8:34-35. Why should Philip get a "1 Peter 3:15 Award"?
5. The gospel just means "*good news*." The Apostle Paul told us explicitly what the gospel is in 1 Cor. 15:1-4. There are four significant elements in the Apostle Paul's understanding of the gospel. What are they?
6. In your UPLIFT time, take the opportunity to thank God for the person or persons in your life who talked to you about Jesus and the salvation that is available through Him ("*How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!*" (Rom 10:15 NIV).

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