

## Three Great Conversions

### Acts 8-10

“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and Samaria, and to the end of the earth” (Acts 1:8)

*If we consider WHERE TO GO, we take MISSION TRIPS*  
*If we consider WHO TO GO TO, we are MISSIONAL*

*3 Gospel-changing conversions:*

**Acts 8: Philip and the Ethiopian Treasurer**

**Acts 9: Saul on the road to Damascus**

**Acts 10: Peter and the Roman Centurion Cornelius**

#### **Philip and the Ethiopian Treasurer:**

**Acts 6:5 – Philip is listed after Stephen as one of the 7 servant-deacons**

**Acts 8:4-8 – Philip preaches in Samaria and revival breaks out**

**Acts 9:9-25 – Simon the Sorcerer believes in God, but tries to buy His power**

**Acts 8:26-40 – Philip is called to the Gaza road to meet the Ethiopian eunuch**

- What is Philip doing when God calls him?
- Where had the eunuch been?

#### **Saul on the road to Damascus**

**Acts 8:1-4 – Saul consents to Stephen’s death and made havoc for the church**

**Acts 9:1-2 – Saul seeks letters to the Synagogues of Damascus**

**Acts 9:3-9 – God confronts Saul**

**Acts 9:10-19 – Ananias is called to lead Saul to salvation**

- How does Saul address God?
- How does Ananias answer God’s call?
- How does Ananias greet Saul?

#### **Peter and Cornelius**

**Acts 10:1-8 – God calls Cornelius to call Peter**

**Acts 10:9-16 – Peter’s vision of unclean animals**

**Acts 10:34-48 – Peter preaches and revival comes**

- How did Peter respond to God’s call?

## SEVERAL PRINCIPLES REVEALED IN THE 3 CONVERSIONS:

**God was working BEFORE men got involved**

**8:28 – The eunuch was reading Scripture – he asked Philip to explain**

**9:5 – Saul asks God, “Who are you, Lord?” – he knew God**

**10:2 – Cornelius was a devout man, praying always**

**WE DO NOT WORK ALONE IN THE CONVERSION PROCESS – GOD HAS PREPARED THEM ALREADY!**

**These conversions were NOT IN A CHURCH MEETING**

**8:6-8 – Samaria comes to the Lord, but Philip is called away**

**9:1-2 – Saul asked for letters to persecute Christians in Damascus Synagogues**

**10 – Cornelius calls Peter to his house**

**WE DON’T HAVE TO GET FOLKS TO CHURCH TO SAVE THEM – GOD CAN SAVE THEM ANYWHERE**

**Everyone has an EXCUSE to NOT BE A WITNESS**

**8:20-24 – Simon offers money for God’s power – they were tempted**

**9:13-16 – Ananias is afraid of Saul and questions God**

**10:14 – Peter responds with, “Not so, Lord!”**

**WE DON’T HAVE TO WONDER ABOUT OUR CALLING TO IT – WHEN GOD PRESENTS US WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO WITNESS**

**God’s PLAN is PERFECT, whether WE LIKE IT OR NOT!**

**Why the ETHIOPIAN EUNUCH? (Ham) Check out Genesis 10**

**Why SAUL? (Shem)**

**Why CORNELIUS? (Japheth)**

**WE DON’T HAVE TO FIGURE UP ELABORATE PLANS TO WITNESS – GOD ONLY DEMANDS OUR OBEDIENCE –**