

NEXT STEP QUESTIONS

1. Spend ten minutes discussing this week's talk. What was something that resonated with you?
2. In Acts chapter 8, the theme is "Expansion of the Church." In what ways do you see parallels between what was happening in the early church and what is happening in today's church.
3. Read Acts 8:9-11. How would you know that Simon was a false prophet? What are the specific things that God says we can look for?
4. Read the rest of Acts chapter 8. How did God use Philip to bring the Ethiopian to Christ? Are you ready to share your faith if you were asked?
5. As Church on the Ridge moves forward with the church expansion, are you ready in your walk of faith to say "yes" to whatever Jesus asks of you?
6. How can we know what Jesus would have us do next in our walk with Him?

Action Step:

Spend time in prayer with Jesus, and read the Bible daily. Be real with God when you pray. If you need a place to start, try one of the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke or John) that tells the life of Jesus. He already knows you: even before you were born. There's nothing hidden from him, so it's just being honest with yourself and asking for His guidance. Set your alarm for fifteen minutes and see what God puts on your heart. Be ready to share with your community group next week.



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Get Ready (continued)

"Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning..."

Luke 12:35 NIV

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"I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

Luke 18:14 NIV

To be a member of God's family.

1. Having received Christ as my Lord and Savior.

If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Romans 10:9 NLT

They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved,"

Acts 16:31 NLT

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."

John 13:34 NIV

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters.

1 John 3:16 NIV

Who is Lord?

But in fact God has arranged the parts in the body, everyone of them, just as he wanted them to be.

1 Corinthians 12:18-19 NIV

Two Ways of Knowing if Someone Believes

"By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

John 13:35 NIV

For the Kingdom of God is not just a lot of talk; it is living by God's power.

1 Corinthians 4:20 NLT

2. Having been _____ in water.

Anyone who believes and is baptized will be saved.

Mark 16:16 NLT

Peter's words pierced their hearts, and they said to him and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter replied, "Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit"

Acts 2:37-38 NLT

But when they believed Philip as he preached the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. Simon himself believed and was baptized.

Acts 8:12-13 NIV

Peter answered: "May your money perish with you, because you thought you could buy the gift of God with money! You have no part or share in this ministry, because your heart is not right before God. Repent of this wickedness and pray to the Lord. Perhaps he will forgive you for having such a thought in your heart. For I see that you are full of bitterness and captive to sin."

Acts 8:20-23 NIV

3. Being in agreement with the Church on the Ridge's _____

Purpose: We exist to share the love of Jesus by helping people become _____.

Beliefs—Non-Negotiables

- a. The Bible is the _____.
- b. _____.
- c. Jesus' love _____ His literal death and resurrection.
- d. Our belief in Jesus _____ where we choose to spend eternity.
- e. There is a _____ and a _____.

Values

- A. _____
- B. _____
- C. _____
- D. _____
- E. _____
- F. _____
- G. _____

Strategy—_____

Structure—_____

4. I now feel led by the _____ to unite with the Church on the Ridge family in formal membership.

He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.

Ephesians 4:16 NLT