



KNOWING HOW THE SCRIPTURES USE US

ACTS 8:30-35

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1. See _____ (vv.30-31)

2. Get _____ (vv.32-33)

3. Get _____ (vv.34-35)

Acts 8:30 So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?"

31 And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

32 Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth.

33 In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." *34* And the eunuch said to Philip,

"About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?"

35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. (ESV)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **Mark 12:18-24**. When the Sadducees speculated about the afterlife, what was Jesus' diagnosis regarding the cause of their wrong conclusions? What are things about which people you know erroneously speculate?
2. Read **2 Peter 3:15-16**. Like the Sadducees, many today are familiar with the Bible (at least some of it), but they often seek to twist biblical passages to fit their preconceived ideas. What would you say to someone who says, "Everyone has preconceived ideas, so it's futile to try and quote the Scriptures – who can know who's right?"
3. Read **2 Timothy 2:15-17**. How does this passage motivate you to rise above the "babble" and to rightly understand and communicate the Scriptures? What specifically can you do to get a better grasp on the biblical data and its intended meaning?
4. Read **Acts 8:30-35**. What scares you about someone asking you to help him understand a passage of the Bible he happens to be reading? What should a Christian do when he is stumped by a question without losing the opportunity?
5. Read **Luke 24:25-27**. Why does it make sense that all of the Bible is ultimately pointing to the gospel of Christ? How can you balance seeing how the Old Testament is leading to Christ without missing historical lessons? (1Cor.10:1-11)

*This Week's
Bible Reading Schedule*

May 30th
1Chr.28-29 & Jn.11:47-57

May 31st
2Chr.1-3 & Jn.12:1-19

June 1st
2Chr.4-6 & Jn.12:20-50

June 2nd
2Chr.7-9 & Jn.13:1-17

June 3rd
2Chr.10-12 & Jn.13:18-38

June 4th
2Chr.13-16 & Jn.14

June 5th
2Chr.17-19 & Jn.15

June 6th
2Chr.20-22 & Jn.16:1-15

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- Msg. 14-23 – **Why We Amplify the Truth**
- Msg. 13-31 – **Learning from the Lord of Life**
- Msg. 05-28 – **Being Extra Careful to Always Take Hold of God's Truth**
- Msg. 13-20 – **Presenting Christ: Staying on Task**
- Msg. 12-04 – **Learning to Encourage One Another**
- Msg. 10-51 – 10-62 – **Christology** (a 12-part series)
- Msg. 17-51 – 17-62 – **Old Testament Survey** (a 12-part series)

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Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

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