

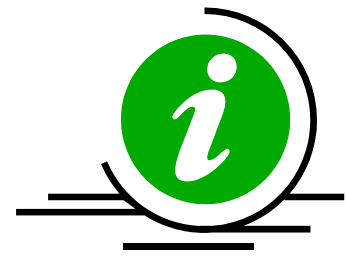
# Discipleship Stories - Philip

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# Acts – How God builds His Church!



# Acts Background

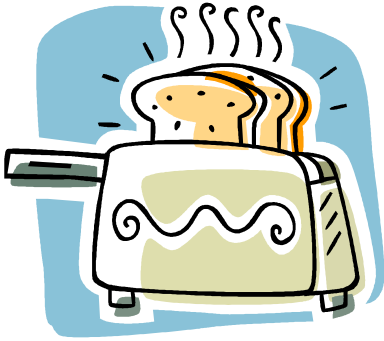


- Luke a gentile physician – only gentile author of the NT.
- Acts is part 2 of his book series.
- It provides a key to the epistles.
- It is a historical narrative.
- As we look into discipleship stories remember historicity!

# Philip – Acts 21: 8 - 10

8. Leaving the next day, we reached Caesarea and stayed at the house of Philip the evangelist, one of the Seven. 9. He had four unmarried daughters who prophesied. 10. After we had been there a number of days, a prophet named Agabus came down from Judea.

# Who is this Philip?



» one of the SEVEN

- A gracious HOST

- A good FATHER



- The EVANGELIST





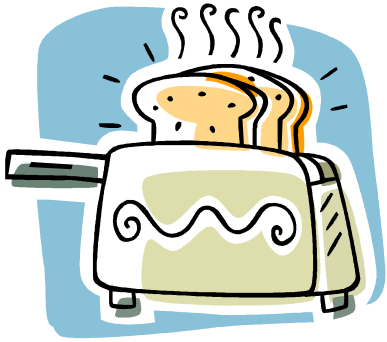
## A good father

- It is not coincidental that all her daughters prophesied.
- Would have taken Peter's first sermon seriously.
- His Christianity was practised at home.
- What is your natural role in life? Who are the people God has placed in your life? Do you disciple them?



# A gracious host

- Hosts Paul! (Acts 8: 1-5)
- Hosts Agabus the Prophet
- They stayed for many days
- Had a house at Caesarea, a town with major harbour.



# One of the Seven

- Full of the Spirit and wisdom (Acts 6: 3)
- Happy to be a servant.
- Served Hellenistic Jewish widows – the disfranchised.
- Was scattered! (Acts 8: 4)



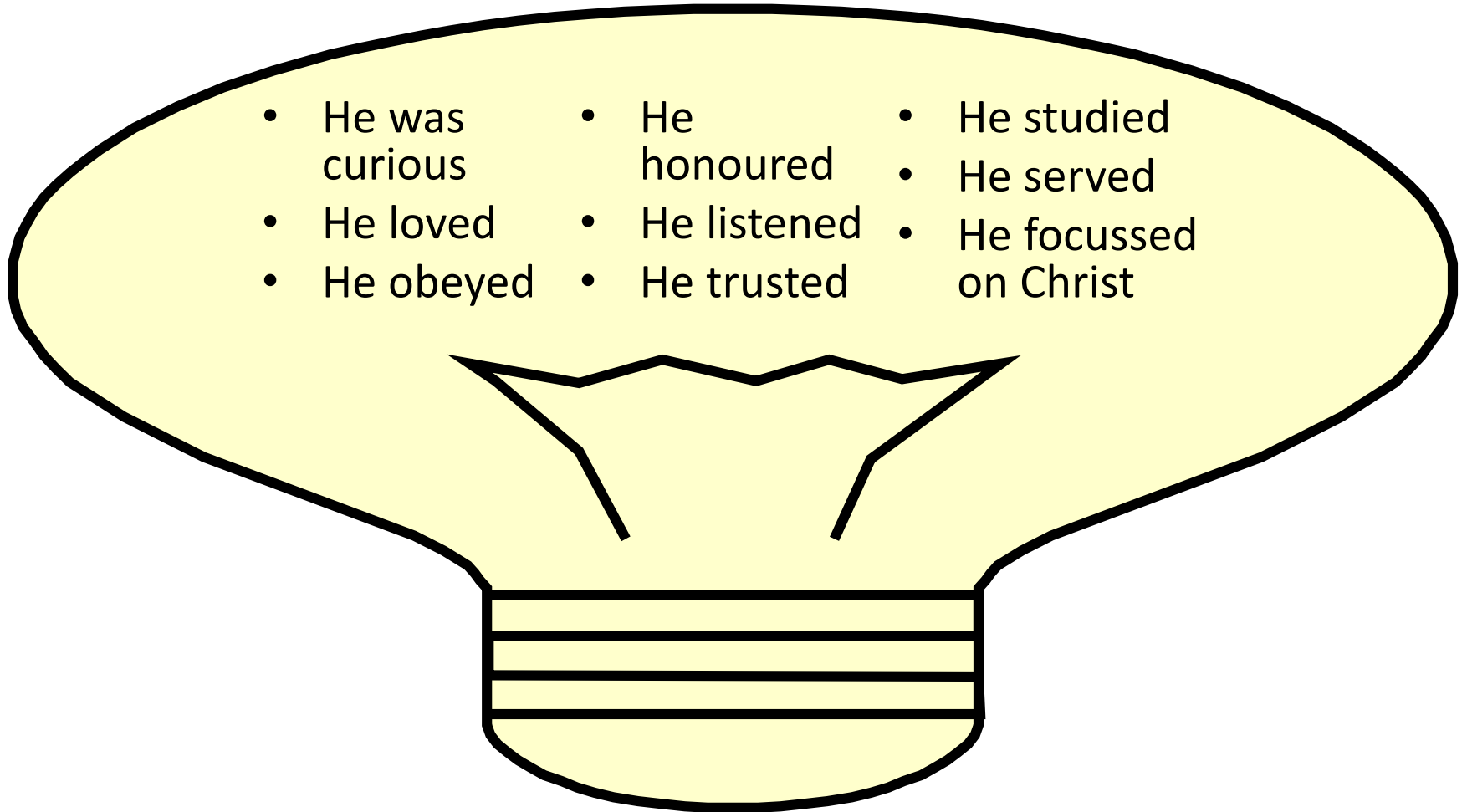


# The Evangelist

- 1<sup>st</sup> Samaria (Acts 8: 5-25)
- Then the Ethiopian Eunuch (Acts 8: 26 - 39)
- Finally the coastal towns from Azotus to Caesarea (Acts 8: 40).
- What love he had for people!
- The gospel is for all people and unifies all people.
- Only the gospel can bring people together this much!
- He loves people; if He cares for the lilies....

# What made Philip to be so good an evangelist?

- He was curious
- He loved
- He obeyed
- He honoured
- He listened
- He trusted
- He studied
- He served
- He focussed on Christ



# Our learning



- How are you allowing God to shape you with the everyday and the mundane; as a father or a host?
- How much are you willing to relate to those different from you and serve them?
- When was the last time you shared Christ with anyone?
- Think Luke 4: 18 – 30. This is the gospel!