Study 4 Joseph's Story

The Big Fish That Didn't Get Away

WARM UP

"In 2007 I sponsored my youngest brother Ben to attend Promise Keepers with me. We're both Christians and enjoyed the sessions/teachings/Word of God heard during that weekend and committed ourselves to attend Promise Keepers 2008. I then sponsored my other younger brother James, who is not a Christian, because my brothers in my family had become a focus for me. As the 2008 Event for Wellington got closer my call was not only for my brothers but for the men in my extended family. So, I prayed and pursued and took no excuses from my cousins and brother-in-law to attend Promise Keepers 2008.

Unfortunately my brother Ben had to pull out... but one of my cousins took his ticket. I had five men of my family stand with me at Promise Keepers... They all knew it was important to me and the benefits they could gain from having a Promise Keepers experience.

The greatest outcome of the weekend was having my younger brother James ask me to lead him to Christ - it was awesome! Many family prayers have been prayed for his salvation. James is a young doctor who is science-based and fact-focused - faith is not a word he associates with easily. James has headed back to his home in Tauranga challenged now to walk daily with God." Joseph



BACKGROUND

The Ethiopian eunuch was the chancellor of the exchequer for Candace. Candace is the title given to all queens of Ethiopia. The eunuch was strategically one of the best people to take the gospel to Ethiopia. History suggests that the Ethiopian planted the first church in Africa.

READ Acts 8:26-40

QUESTIONS

1. What were three or four ways in which Philip enabled the Ethiopian to come to faith?

2. Share with the group any dramatic event that happened in your life that enabled you to share Christ's love with another person.

3. How can we grow in God's power so we can help others to move forward in their faith?

4. What must we do to begin a journey of evangelism?

IT'S TIME FOR PRAYER

MY RESPONSE AS A PROMISE KEEPER

1. I will ask the Lord to equip me for evangelism.

2. As I get up each day, I will ask the Lord to show me one person who I can share my faith with.

CONSIDER THIS

- 95% of all Christians have never won a soul to Christ.
- 80% of all Christians do not consistently witness for Christ.
- Less than 2% are involved in the ministry of evangelism.
- 71% do not give toward the financing of the Great Commission.



WRAP UP

Go around the group and share how you were introduced to Christ.