

Philip the Evangelist Discussion

Remember that these monologues are essentially historical fiction, based on the Scripture but filling in plausible subjective details, both emotional responses and motivations. Your first task is to decide if they are reasonable. Read the Scriptures Acts 8, 21:7-8, Deuteronomy 23:1, Isaiah 53, 56:3

Deacons had powerful evangelistic ministries. The official title of an individual may not indicate the real calling or ministry. Are we often distracted by titles in evaluating others or measuring ourselves?

Can ministry in the center of God's will still be dangerous?

How should we respond to risk? How does that response affect others who see us?

Can we intellectually believe in demons and functionally forget about them?

*What is the proper Scriptural response to the knowledge that there are spiritual adversaries?
Ephesians 6*

Is it reasonable that demonic activity was increased during the earthly life of Jesus?

Might demonic activity be increased during the present day? Why?

What are variations of belief about demons among modern Americans?

Repeats of the Pentecost experience seems to occur several times in Acts when a new group came into the church. Why?

*Does the Scripture support the notion that speaking in tongues is essential for the Christian?
1 Corinthians 12*

Eunuchs were forbidden in the Temple. Many pagan temples had shrine prostitutes, female and castrated male and this may have been to make a clear separation from paganism. Does it mean they cannot be saved?

Does God have a place in His Kingdom for the sexually abnormal? See Isaiah 56:3, 1 Corinthians 6:9 - 11.

Does God love the transsexuals and gays?

*Are we commonly put off by people who are different, including the retarded, disabled, disfigured?
What should we do about it?*

Jesus is described as unattractive. Is there a reason why God did not make Him a "Leading Man-type"?

Phillip got a family and long life, Steven a short life and violent death. Can we be sure of our future?

Phillips daughters were prophets. Might women be prophets today?