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Now when they had testified and spoken the word of the Lord, they returned to Jerusalem, preaching the gospel to many villages of the Samaritans.

<sup>26</sup> Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is a desert place.

<sup>27</sup> And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship <sup>28</sup> and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup> And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.”

ACTS 8:25-29 ESV

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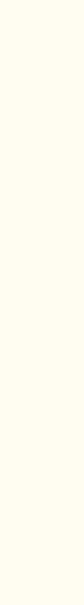
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# What is **Evangelism?**



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→ RESPONDING TO THE INITIATIVE  
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FIRST RESPONSE

**Listen to & obey the Holy Spirit**

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## SECOND RESPONSE

Engage a person in spiritual conversation.  
Ask questions.

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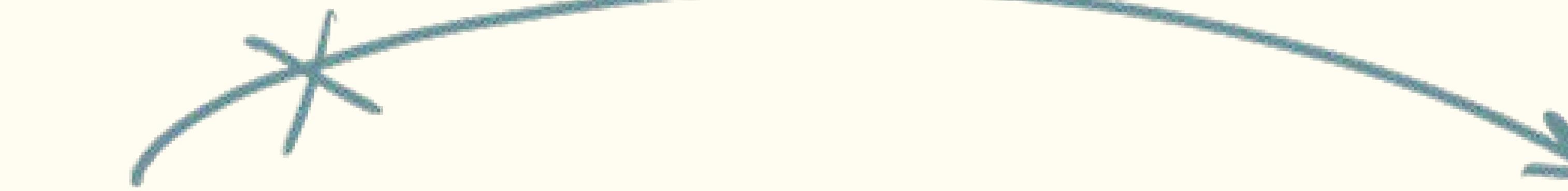
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## OUR THIRD RESPONSE

# Share the Story & the Main character

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And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?”

<sup>38</sup> And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. <sup>39</sup> And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and **went on his way rejoicing.** <sup>40</sup> But Philip found himself at Azotus, and **as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.**

ACTS 8:36-40 ESV



# What is Evangelism?

- RESPONDING TO THE INITIATIVE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
- JOINING THE STORY OF GOD
- ANSWERING THE “WHO” QUESTION
- A LIFESTYLE THAT LEADS TO JOY

# How do we respond?

1. Listen to & obey the Holy Spirit
2. Engage a person in spiritual conversation & ask questions
3. Share the Story & the Main Character