



Audio Disc: #13

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Reaching Out

14 Devotional GIVE ME YOUR EYES BRANDON HEATH

1 Start Up

Divide your group into two teams (guys vs. girls works great for this) and play a game of "Dragon's Tail." The game is simple: the girls stand in a single file line with their hands on the shoulders of the person in front of them, while the guys stand in a large circle around them. Give the guys soft foam balls and tell them to try and hit the last girl in line (called the "Dragon's Tail"). The girls are allowed to move in order to dodge the balls, so long as they don't break their chain! When the last girl in line has been hit, she is out of the game and the girl in front of her becomes the new target. The game continues until the last girl in line is hit. After a round or two, switch it up and give the girls a chance for revenge.

2 Get Focused

After your activity, ask the students to describe their experiences playing the game. Which was more exciting? Trying to get someone out of the game or trying to keep from getting hit? Ask them if that method might be used to describe the way they act

toward non-Christians. Do they try to "pick them off" one by one by "knocking Jesus into their lives," or are they more quietly looking out for those who haven't yet begun a relationship with Christ? What happens when we pass by those in need? Share the following points with them, adding your own illustrations and anecdotes to make this devotion personal to your group.

Acts 8:26-35 (The Message//Remix)

Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch

- 1) God calls us to be obedient to His direction and sensitive to the needs of those struggling to find Him. Philip was told where to go and he went there without question. When he was guided in God's direction, He went where He was told.
- 2) When we are obedient to God's call we find the people He has placed in our path. God used Philip in the life of the Ethiopian because he was listening to God's prompting and sensitive to God's call. God used Philip's preparation and sensitivity to help the Ethiopian come to know Salvation. Who is the Ethiopian eunuch that God has placed in your life?
- 3) When we are obedient to God's call, we find God's hand guiding us to where we need to go. Philip knew where to be. It was a supernatural guidance; God's Hand was in control.

Our ability to be sensitive tomorrow might depend on our obedience and preparation today. Philip had spent time with the scrolls of Isaiah previously, and his preparation was obvious to this Ethiopian. Because of his prior preparation, God allowed Philip to be used to share the good news to this man. Are you preparing yourself today to be used tomorrow?

3 Wind Down

As you conclude, challenge your students to be on the lookout for people who might be like the Ethiopian in this story. Many times people are struggling right in front of us. Share with them the words to the song, "Give Me Your Eyes," as you dismiss.

All those people going somewhere
Why have I never cared
Give me your eyes for just one second
Give me your eyes so I can see
Everything that I keep missing
Give me your love for humanity
Give me your arms for the broken hearted
The ones that are far beyond my reach
Give me your heart for the ones forgotten
Give me your eyes so I can see