



# How To Be A Person God Uses, Part I

Series: "518 Initiative", Part 1 of 2

Sunday, September 7, 2025

Text: Acts 8:1-8, Acts 8:26-40

*Big Idea: When we are truly open to God's leading and agenda, He will make us useful for His Kingdom.*

1. **Prayer evangelism.**
2. **Invitational evangelism.**
3. **Service evangelism.**
4. **Direct verbal evangelism.**

- According to Barna data, only 1% of pastors say their churches are very effective at evangelism.
- Only 3 to 5% of all U.S. churches are growing primarily through conversions.

## 518 INITIATIVE

Imagine what would happen if every person at Grace Fellowship reached just one person with the love of Jesus?

The 518 INITIATIVE is a 12-month congregation wide, church wide, effort to inspire and equip people to reach their neighbors, family and friends.

### The Method:

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- Pray an average of about **4 times** per week for your neighbor, or whoever your "ONE" person is.
- Make **3 strategic invitations** over the year.
- Give **2 tangible gifts** or acts of service.
- Have **1 clear gospel conversation**.

"72% of Americans describe themselves as spiritually open, with younger generations more open to God since the pandemic." *The Pew Research Center*

## **I. He Was Open To Divine Appointments.**

### **A. Philip was guided by circumstances.**

Acts 8:1b, "On that day a great persecution broke out against the church at Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria."

### **B. Philip was guided by an angel.**

Acts 8:26, Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza."

### **C. Philip was guided by the Holy Spirit.**

Acts 8:29, The Spirit told Philip, "Go to that chariot and stay near it."

## **II. He Believed That Lost People Really Matter To God.**