

December 3 - 9

For Everyone | Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch

Icebreaker: If someone asked you to tell them what it means to know Jesus, on a scale of 1–10 (10 being the highest), how excited would you be to be used by God in that way?

Read Acts 8:26-40

- Read vv. 12-13. What had Philip been experiencing, and how might he have felt being sent to the desert?
- If an angel of the Lord showed up and told you to leave your home, where you love to live and work and move somewhere else, how might you respond? What kind of questions would you ask? What doubts would you have?
- What does it tell us about Philip's faith that he was willing to go where God called him?
- What do we know about the Ethiopian Eunuch? In today's world, who might he be comparable to?
- What might we assume about the spiritual openness of someone with such great power and authority?
- Talk about the spiritual receptivity of the Eunuch. How does this compare or contrast with the spiritual receptivity of people in our culture?
- What are times in our culture when people are ready to hear about Jesus?
- What is unique about Isaiah 53, the passage the Eunuch was reading?
- What was the question the Eunuch had about this passage? How did Philip answer his question?
- What do we learn about baptism from this passage? What is necessary for someone to be baptized? What is not necessary?
- Have you ever been in a situation where God used you in an unexpected way?
- Why was it essential for Philip to have this one interaction in the desert? What does that tell us about how we ought to think about the opportunities God places before us?
- How ready do you feel to be the one God uses to introduce someone to Jesus? Do you feel intellectually prepared? Do you feel emotionally prepared?
- Consider the people around you every day. For any one of them, you may be the one who would be called to tell them about Jesus. How does that make you feel?
- Who do you want to invite to church?

