



## Philip and the Ethiopian

### Getting to know each other:

What is the most foreign place you've ever been in your life? What felt so foreign about that place?

### Read Acts 8:26-40

1. As Philip is in Samaria, he's told to "Go south to the road...that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza" by an angel. Why do you think God sends an angel to tell Philip this? Try to find other instances in the Bible where angels speak to people and give directions. Do you see any patterns in these instances?

2. Who was the Ethiopian Eunuch? Why was it significant that 1. he was an Ethiopian and 2. a eunuch that then hears the gospel, believes, and is baptized?

3. The fact that the Ethiopian was reading Isaiah and Philip can connect Isaiah's messianic prophecies to Jesus for the Ethiopian is an awesome example of why Biblical knowledge matters as we share the good news of Jesus Christ. If God put someone in your path that was wanting to know more about Jesus do you think that you would be ready to share the gospel and explain the scripture? If so, what makes you think you are ready? If not, what might you need to do to be ready?

4. The Ethiopian is immediately baptized, exclaiming "What can stand in the way of my being baptized?" Do you think the church should just baptize people when they think they are ready? Or, is there more discernment needed to better ensure people are ready? If so, how would you discern? What do you think makes Philip discern that this man is ready?

5. Read Isaiah 56:3-7. What do you see in this passage? How does Jesus' life, death, resurrection, and return bring what God promises here to fulfillment?

6. Pastor David challenged us to be bold, trusting that the Holy Spirit is drawing people to a saving knowledge of faith in Jesus and trusting that the Holy Spirit uses us to share that good news. Is there a place in your life where the Holy Spirit might be leading right now? If yes, how might God be calling you to be bold in that situation right now? If not, spend some time praying that your heart would be willing and your eyes would be open.

## Next Steps 2023

- What are some of your next steps in faith for 2023? Share any updates with your group.
- When you complete your next step using the campus QR code below.

## Prayer

- Share praises and prayer requests with one another.
- Guided prayer: God, give me wisdom to see the places where I grab onto things of this world for control of my life, instead of you. Help me trust that you are good, that you fully and completely love me, and that your way is better, whatever it is. In Jesus' name, Amen.

