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Willow Park South
Small Group Questions
Acts 8:26-40

- Please read Acts 8:26-40 together at the beginning of your small group meeting.

As Philip was preaching the word in Samaria, an angel of the Lord told him to go down to the road that goes from Jerusalem to Gaza. On this road was an Ethiopian eunuch who was a court official of the queen of the Ethiopians. He had been to Jerusalem to worship and was seated on his chariot reading Isaiah. And the Spirit told Philip to join the chariot.

How did Philip react when he heard what God was telling him to do?

- **Acts 8:27** “And he rose and went...” **Acts 8:30** “So Philip ran to [the chariot]...”

When God calls us from a growing, thriving ministry to a “desert place,” do we follow Him with the willingness that Philip did? If not, why?

Philip heard that the eunuch was reading from the prophet Isaiah and went over to join him. The eunuch didn’t understand what he was reading so he invited Philip to explain to him. So Philip began to tell him the good news of Jesus starting with Isaiah.

Do we find ourselves like the eunuch, going to a certain place to try and get closer to God but coming back empty handed? Have you found that God reveals himself to you through the Bible? Why people go to places or do rituals in order to get closer to God?

When someone in our life opens up a door to share Jesus with them do we eagerly take it?

Are we, like Philip was, prepared to share Jesus with anyone? What gets us to the point where we are prepared?

Philip then baptizes the eunuch and is carried away by the Spirit. The eunuch continued on his way rejoicing while Philip found himself in Azotus and continues on preaching.

Why do you think that sometimes people don't have the same drive to get baptized as the eunuch did when they first become Christians?

Do we go through life with the same reliance and faith in God that Philip did?

As we walk through life God will bring about opportunities for us to share His love with others. We need to thoroughly know the Bible and be a willing tool for God to use. Just like God had His hand over Philip, He will also have his hand over us as we eagerly walk in faith, spreading the love of God.