

The Ethiopian | Acts 8:26-40 Sermon Discussion Participant Guide

Purpose of Discussion: To be a part of God's multi-ethnic mission.

Icebreaker: What do you enjoy about Missouri having all four seasons?

Discussion

Read:

[Acts 8:26-40](#)

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." ²⁷ So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means "queen of the Ethiopians"). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, ²⁸ and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. ²⁹ The Spirit told Philip, "Go to that chariot and stay near it."

³⁰ Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. "Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked.

³¹ "How can I," he said, "unless someone explains it to me?" So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

³² This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading:

"He was led like a sheep to the slaughter,
and as a lamb before its shearer is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.

³³ In his humiliation he was deprived of justice.

Who can speak of his descendants?

For his life was taken from the earth."

³⁴ The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?" ³⁵ Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.

³⁶ As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?" ^[37]

³⁸ And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. ³⁹ When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see

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him again, but went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰ Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and traveled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.

1. List off what we learn about the man on the chariot?
2. What would Philip have known and not known during this interaction?
3. Where or around whom do you feel that God has placed you to be a witness for him?
4. What do we learn about evangelism (sharing about Jesus) from this account?
5. How can we answer the charge that Christianity is a white, racist religion?
6. How is God's multi-ethnic mission a blessing and a challenge for us?
7. Dave described the irony of Christianity being the most inclusive and yet the most exclusive religion. How so?
8. How can we be a part of God's multi-ethnic mission going forward?

Sharing and Prayer:

A part of how we can be a part of God's multi-ethnic mission is to pray the mission forward. In an open time of prayer, as a group, feel free to pray for:

- The people you named in this study that God has placed you around
- The diverse people unreached here in Columbia
- People involved in the conflicts in Gaza/Israel, Ukraine, and elsewhere
- Workers here or abroad who are helping people to know about Jesus