



## Sunday Sermon Discussion Outline

Pastor Philip Thomas, December 20, 2020

Acts 8:26-40 – The Christmas Story

### We Learn:

Philip was led by the Holy Spirit to leave Samaria – where he had a flourishing ministry – to share the gospel with one man, an (Ethiopian) African court official who was returning home from Jerusalem. Philip joined this man in his chariot as he was reading the book of Isaiah. Philip explained what the prophet had foretold about Jesus, including the glorious miracle of Jesus' birth. The Christmas story is a fulfillment of prophecy, of what was spoken in the past, and an assurance of the future. It also equips us to evangelize, to tell the good news of the Christmas story to everyone.

- What did the Holy Spirit ask Philip to do? Why was this significant?
- What did Philip do to share the good news about Jesus with the Ethiopian eunuch, this African court official?
- What was the court official's response to the gospel? How is his response similar to and different from what Simon the sorcerer did?

### We Respond:

- If you have heard and received the gospel message about Jesus, how did God prepare you to receive the gospel message?
- If you have not received the gospel message about Jesus what is hindering you from doing so? Are you seeking answers to your questions about Jesus?
- Have you responded to believe and be baptized? Why or why not?

### We Apply:

- What are the four lessons we learn from Philip about evangelism?
- How can we be equipped to tell someone about Jesus?
- How can we pray to tell someone about Jesus?
- Who is the Lord prompting you to share the good news about Jesus with?