

# **WEEKLY GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE**

**Week of Sunday June 14, 2026**

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## INTRODUCTION

In **Acts 8:26–40**, God is not asking people to earn His acceptance or prove they belong before coming to Him. Instead, He is inviting ordinary people into a relationship with Him and into His mission of helping others discover Jesus. Many of us wrestle with questions of significance, belonging, purpose, or whether God could really use someone like us. This passage reminds us that God sees people others overlook, works ahead of us in ways we cannot see, and invites us to trust Him through simple obedience.

### **Main Passage:**

Acts 8:26–40

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

# Divine Appointment

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### READ ALOUD

Acts 8:26–40

**Opening Question:** What is something you were hesitant to do at first but later realized it was worth it?

- What stands out to you most in this passage?
- What do you notice about how God works through both Philip and the Ethiopian official?
- What do you think God wants us to learn from this encounter between Philip and the Ethiopian official?
- Where might God be inviting you to trust Him or take a step of obedience right now?

### APPLY

- When have you experienced God working through an unexpected conversation, relationship, or opportunity?
- Is there an area of your life where you have been waiting for certainty instead of taking a step of obedience?
- Who in your life may be searching for hope, truth, or belonging, and how might God want to use you in their story?

### RESPOND

- What is one step of obedience you can take this week?
- Who is one person you can intentionally encourage, pray for, or engage in a spiritual conversation this week?

### **DIGGING DEEPER** *(optional)*

Acts 8:4–25

- What similarities do you see between Philip's ministry in Samaria and his encounter with the Ethiopian official?
- What does this chapter teach us about how the gospel spreads?
- How do both large crowds and individual people matter in God's mission?

### **PRAY**

Invite the group to spend a few moments reflecting on what God may be showing them through this passage. Ask Him to help you trust His leadership, recognize opportunities He places before you, and walk in obedience even when you do not understand the whole picture. Pray for people in your life who need Jesus, and thank Him for His grace that welcomes us into His family.

## QUESTIONS FOR FAMILIES

Acts 8:26–40

- Why do you think Philip listened when God told him to go somewhere unexpected?
- What did the Ethiopian official learn about Jesus?
- How does this story show that God cares about every person?
- How can our family help someone learn more about Jesus this week?

*For younger children:* God knows you, loves you, and wants you to follow Him one step at a time.

*For older kids or students:* Who is one friend or classmate that God may be giving you an opportunity to encourage or talk with this week?

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## BIBLE READING PLAN (OPTIONAL)

**Scripture to read as you pray this week:**

- **Day 1:** Acts 9:1–9
- **Day 2:** Acts 9:10–19
- **Day 3:** Acts 9:20–31
- **Day 4:** Acts 9:32–43
- **Day 5:** Acts 9:36–43

## **What's Going On?**

Acts 8 marks a turning point in the early church. Persecution has scattered believers beyond Jerusalem, but instead of stopping the gospel, it helps spread it. Philip leaves a fruitful ministry in Samaria to meet one person on a desert road.

Through that encounter, an Ethiopian official hears the good news about Jesus, believes, and is baptized. The story reminds us that God values individuals, prepares hearts before we arrive, and often works through ordinary acts of obedience to accomplish extraordinary purposes.

## **A Bit of Background**

The Ethiopian official was a powerful government leader, but as a eunuch he would have experienced barriers and exclusion under parts of the Old Testament law.

His encounter with Jesus through Philip highlights a major theme in Acts: the gospel is for all people. Through Christ, those who once felt far away are welcomed into the family of God by faith.