

Acts – 9/6/26

Read

Read Acts 8:26-40 and consider what lessons the Holy Spirit intends us to learn.

Examine

- As an Ethiopian and a eunuch, this man would not have been able to enter the Jewish Temple under OT law. How does this knowledge shape our understanding of this story? Why might this matter within the narrative of Acts?
- Read Isaiah 52:13-53:12. How does this Old Testament passage (written long before Jesus' death and resurrection) connect to the gospel message?
- What do Philip's actions reveal about the nature of evangelism/sharing the gospel?
- V.36-39 place an emphasis on the baptism of the eunuch. What is baptism? What importance does it have for this story?
- What does this passage reveal about the Holy Spirit? What is the Holy Spirit's role in fulfilling the Great Commission?

Apply

- Philip, beginning with Isaiah 53:7-8, "told him the good news about Jesus." If you were Philip in this moment, how would you share the gospel with a non-Christian? Do you feel equipped to "get to the cross" from anywhere in Scripture?
- What do v.30-31 reveal about discipleship? What is the responsibility of a Christian in evangelism, teaching, etc.?
- The eunuch's question in v.31 implies that Christians should know the Bible and be able to help others understand it. What rhythms and practices can you incorporate in your life to grow in this ability?
- Philip was busy participating in a revival in Samaria before God led him to the eunuch. What does it look like to be interruptible for the sake of the gospel in daily life? How can you be more sensitive to the guidance of the Holy Spirit in everyday living? Have you ever experienced the prompting of the Holy Spirit to share the gospel?

Pray

Take time to praise God for who He is, confess sins, and/or make requests based on this passage.