



ACTS 8:26-40

FROM CROWDS TO THE CHARIOT

9-27-26 | DAVE ROSS

Key Scripture: “Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, ‘Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.’ So he started out...” Acts 8:26-27

1. **Belonging** — Important but Outcast — The Deepest Need Is Belonging

2. **Listen** — Seeking but Not Understanding

3. **Barriers** — The Gospel of Jesus Breaks Down Every Barrier

4. **Obey** — Be Like Philip — Willing, Obedient, Ready, Prepared

Three Practices for Home — Leaving the 99 for the One

1. **The Question**

Ask: “God, where are You asking me to go?” (not just “Where can I have the biggest impact?”)

2. **Name Your Road**

Who is the one person or group you sense God may be nudging you toward?

3. **Take the Next Step**

Draw near. Listen first. Begin where they are. Point them to Jesus.



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CITY GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Philip left a thriving ministry in Samaria because the Spirit said "Go." Have you ever sensed God asking you to step away from something that was working? What happened?
2. The Ethiopian was important by every earthly measure, yet still felt like an outcast. Where do you see people today who are "important but outcast"—and how might the church make room for them?
3. Philip started with the man's question and the passage he was already reading. When you share your faith, how often do you begin where the other person actually is, rather than with your prepared outline?
4. "What can stand in the way of my being baptized?" The deeper question was about belonging. What barriers (real or imagined) keep people from believing there is room for them in God's family?
5. John 3:16 says "whoever." Ephesians 2:14 says Jesus destroyed the dividing wall. Which barrier in your own heart or relationships still needs to come down?
6. This week's challenge: Name your "desert road"—one person or place God may be nudging you toward. What is one concrete next step you can take this week to draw near and listen?



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