



DISCUSSION GUIDE

Week 18: Beyond Borders

SERIES OVERVIEW

The book of Acts tells the story of the gospel advancing from Jerusalem to the ends of the earth. As we walk through this missional narrative together, our prayer is that God would breathe fresh wind into our sails—motivating and inspiring us to join Him in the work He's still doing today.

[Acts Video Overview](#)

CONTEXT

In Acts 8:26-40, an angel of the Lord instructs Philip to go to the road that leads from Jerusalem to Gaza, where he encounters an Ethiopian eunuch reading the book of Isaiah. Guided by the Spirit, Philip explains the scriptures to the eunuch, leading to his baptism and rejoicing as Philip is carried away by the Spirit of the Lord.

THE BIG IDEA No one is beyond the reach of God. The Gospel transcends borders and is good news for all people from every nation.

SCRIPTURE: Acts 8:26-40

26 Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place. 27 And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship 28 and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. 29 And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot." 30 So Philip ran to

SCRIPTURE CONTINUED: him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" 31 And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. 32 Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth. 33 In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." 34 And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" 35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. 36 And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?" 38 And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. 39 And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. 40 But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

ICE BREAKER

Which bible character would be the best at X (Twitter) or Instagram and what would be a great tweet or post from their account? Have fun and be creative!

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GROUP DISCUSSION

(Refer to **Week 18** of your ACTS Journal.)

Read Acts 8:26-40 as a group.

What does God's pursuit of the Ethiopian Eunuch in verses 26-31 tell us about God's heart for people that are far from Him? How did God pursue you when you were far from Him and who did he use to share the hope of Jesus with you?

Read Luke 15:1-7. Compare Philip's call from God to leave a growing ministry for a eunuch, to the parable of The Lost Sheep in Luke 15. What does this tell us about who God is?

What OT book and chapter did God lead the pre-believing Ethiopian to read and what question did he ask Philip? How did Philip use the question to share the Gospel?

How does the archeological findings of Biblical manuscripts from before the birth of Christ build our faith and empower us to share Jesus with confidence?

How does this story encourage you with your ONE?

Share a time when you shared the Gospel with someone and God was already working in their life. How did you know God was preparing their heart and mind to experience the Gospel?

The word "believe" in the NT is *Pisetau*, which means to "entrust". How does that differ from our English word "believe"? In your own words, what does it mean to entrust your life to Jesus?

Discussion continued: Share about your baptism experience and what it meant to you? If you haven't been baptized, what is holding you back?

What is one thing that stood out to you from the sermon and why do you think God wants you to remember this truth?

PRAYER (In gender based groups)

*Share praises, answered prayers, and prayer requests. Pray for your ONE & opportunities to tell them about Jesus and show them the difference Jesus makes in your life.

Closing Prayer.(come back together as a group)
God, thank you that you pursued us even though we were your enemy. God, we are grateful that you choose to go after those who are far from you and you go before us with our ONE. Go before us Holy Spirit!
In the power of Jesus' name, amen.



Info & Registration [HERE](#)

Available Dates: Aug. 28/29, Sept. 11/12,
Oct. 23/24, Nov. 6/7