

Community Group Questions  
Acts 8:26-40

1. Read Acts 8:26-40. What did you find helpful, encouraging, or challenging from this week's passage and message?
2. God's providence is on clear display in this passage in leading the Ethiopian eunuch to faith in Jesus. How does your own story display the providence of God? Do you have any specific examples of how you can see God's providence as you look back on your life?
3. Philip was taken from a successful ministry in Samaria to go and minister to a single individual in a remote area. What might that teach us about the way we might be tempted to define 'success' in ministry? What does it teach us about God's heart for lost people? (See also Luke 15:1-10)
4. Read the following passages: Matthew 11:28; 19:14; Luke 13:29; Romans 1:16-17. What do they teach us about the inclusive nature of the gospel?
5. Read the following passages: Isaiah 45:22; John 14:6; Acts 4:11-12; Philippians 2:9-11; 1 Timothy 2:5. What do they teach us about the exclusive nature of the gospel?
6. What do you think it looks like for a church to consistently present and embody a message that demonstrates both of these truths?
7. Baptism was such a central part of the message and practice of the early church. The New Testament doesn't have a category for an unbaptized Christian (the thief on the cross is an exception, not the rule). Why do you think so many today seem to view baptism as an optional extra, and not the expected step of obedience for all believers?
8. As part of your prayer time, spend some time praying for those who will be getting baptized at Crossridge on Easter Sunday