

ICE BREAKER: Describe a task you did that was beyond your expertise or comfort-level.

LARGE GROUP QUESTIONS:

(Read verse 26-35) **The Lord speaks** to us in **various ways**. Consider how God spoke to Philip. Verse 39, '**An angel** of the Lord said to Philip.' Verse 29, "**The Spirit** told Philip.' And through the help of Philip, the Lord spoke to the Ethiopian Eunuch through the **Holy Scriptures**.

The Lord is not silent. He purposes to communicate to us who He is and His will for our lives. The question is not does God speak to us, but rather do we have ears to hear when He does.

1. Describe a clear or dramatic way **the Lord spoke to you**.

(Read verses 26-30) When the angel of the Lord commanded Philip, "Go south to the road," notice **Philip's response**. "So he **started out**." When the Holy Spirit told Philip, "Go to that chariot," verse 30 states, "Then Philip **ran up** to the chariot."

Philip models **complete obedience** to the Lord. Think if Philip had only **partially obeyed**, saying, "Okay Lord, I will start out tomorrow." What do you think would have happened if Philip partially obeyed or delayed in obeying God's word?

2. Describe how **partial obedience** has ever **robbed** you of **blessing yourself** or **blessing others**.

(Read verses 30-31 & 36) The Lord led Philip to a desert road **leading away** from his **hometown** of Judea. As Philip witnessed Christ to the Ethiopian eunuch, he joined the Ethiopian in his travel back to Ethiopia. Each minute of witnessing on that road led Philip farther and **farther away** from his **home**, with a person Jews would usually never keep company.

Evangelism is **rarely convenient** or **comfortable**. Opportunities to share Christ often appear when we don't expect it or plan it. It seems to always take us out of our **comfort zone**, often calling us to interact with people we many times would not associate.

3. What is **one thing** which makes it **difficult** for you **to share Jesus** with others?

(Read verses 34-39) Consider the **Ethiopian Eunuch**. Regarding status, he was 'an **important official** in charge of **all the treasury** of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians'. Rather than staying home and enjoying the power, wealth and influence of his life, he traveled **1,500 miles** to Jerusalem to **worship**.

Returning from worship, another 1,500 miles back, he was **studying** the **Old Testament**. In the Ethiopian's **determined search for truth**, God miraculously sent him Philip to answer his questions. Hearing the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Ethiopian Eunuch **immediately asked to be baptized**, publically and in front of his pagan Ethiopian countrymen escorting him.

He did this, disregarding any consequences of word getting back to his pagan queen of his new commitment to Jesus Christ, a supposed Jewish Messiah claimed to have risen from the dead.

4. What is it about the **Ethiopian Eunuch** that **stands out** or **challenges** you?

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PRAYER GROUP TIME

(List persons you commit to sharing the Gospel with or inviting to Community Service next week.)
