



PORTRAITS

Group Guide



Acts 4:26-40

²⁶ Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." ²⁷ So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means "queen of the Ethiopians"). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, ²⁸ and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. ²⁹ The Spirit told Philip, "Go to that chariot and stay near it."

³⁰ Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. "Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked.

³¹ "How can I," he said, "unless someone explains it to me?" So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³² This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading:

"He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before its shearer is silent,

so he did not open his mouth.

³³ In his humiliation he was deprived of justice.

Who can speak of his descendants?

For his life was taken from the earth."

³⁴ The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?" ³⁵ Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.

³⁶ As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?" ³⁷ ³⁸ And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. ³⁹ When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰ Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and traveled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.

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1. Read Acts 8 : 1-40. A person is known by their actions. What do you learn about Philip from this chapter?
2. A victorious church rejoices in God's working despite persecution. Is this true of you and how you live?
3. Read verse 8. Great joy is experienced as a result of the gospel. When has this been evident in your own spiritual journey?
4. Philip and Simon have many contrasts - what are they. Do you have any people in your life/work that are amazed at the wonders of God although they don't know him yet? Do you share with them and open up places for conversation?
5. Philip and the Ethiopian - describe the encounter, what intrigues you, what challenges you? Is there anywhere in your faith journey where you need to grow and be able to sit with people, share truth and help with the next faith step?
6. Acts 21:8 is written 20 years later about Philip. How is he described and what convictions is he still living out.
7. We are called in Matthew 28:16-20 to live out what is called the great commission, are you? What needs to happen in your life so you can? Conviction, equipping, connections, who do you need to talk to, to see this way of life lived out starting today?





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RESOURCES TO HELP YOU FOLLOW JESUS

- centralheights.ca/followjesus

STORIES

- We love hearing how God moves in people's lives. If you or anyone in your group has a story and would be willing to share, we'd love to hear it and celebrate with you. You can share your story by emailing stories@centralheights.ca

MESSAGE Video and Audio can be found at:

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