

God's Gospel [Good News] About Jesus Is Supernaturally Transformative!

- ✧ Philip Shares the Gospel: Acts 8:35 – “Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, **preached Jesus to him.**”
- ✧ The Ethiopian Eunuch Is Baptized: Acts 8:36 – Now as they went down the road, they came to some water. And the eunuch said, “See, here is water. What hinders me from being baptized?”
 - ↳ Acts 8:37 – Philip Responded: **“If you believe with all your heart, you may.”** And the eunuch answered and said, **“I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.”**
- ✧ The Climax: Acts 38-40 – “So he commanded the chariot to stand still. And both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and **he baptized him.**”³⁹ Now when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught Philip away, so that the eunuch saw him no more; and he went on his way rejoicing.⁴⁰ But Philip was found at Azotus. And passing through, he preached in all the cities till he came to Caesarea.”



MESSAGE GUIDE

Speaker: Pastor Mark Geer
Sunday: October 19, 2025

What Is God's Divine Guidance & Instruction Leading & Calling Each of Us To?

To Be His Witnesses!



✧ **MY NEXT STEPS TODAY...**

- ☐ **Be Filled With God's Spirit** ~ By reflecting on God's nature and worshipping Him!
- ☐ **Commit To Serving The Great Commission** ~ Orient my life around this divine cause and purpose!
- ☐ **Be Equipped In The Word of God** ~ Get plugged into a Bible Study!
- ☐ **Make a Faith Decision** ~ Prayerfully place my **faith** in Jesus Christ, God's Son, by **recognizing Him** as my personal **Lord** and **Savior** and by asking and receiving the forgiveness of my sins.



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Today's Message:

SERIES: THE ACTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

A Study of the Early Church With Contemporary Application

"The Ministry of Philip – A Divine Encounter with the Ethiopian Eunuch"

Text: Acts 8:26-40



"The Ministry of Philip"

Acts – Divine Accounts Written for our Learning

✧ Romans 15:4 / 2 Timothy 3:16

Divine Guidance Is Given To Philip the Evangelist

✧ Acts 8:26 – "Now an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, 'Arise and go toward the south along the road which goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' This is desert.

✧ Much of God's divine guidance relates to the Great Commission:

✦ Acts 5:20 / Acts 10 / Acts 16:6-10 / Acts 18:5-11 / Acts 23:11

✦ Philip was being guided to a remote & desolate location.

✦ The South: "Noon"

✦ Desert: "Uninhabited"

✦ Rise Up: "Prompt Action"

✦ Faith: "Abraham's Journey"
(Hebrews 11:8)



God's Timing & Divine Guidance Is Impeccable!

✧ Obedience: Acts 8:27a – "So he arose and went."

✧ A Divine Encounter: With The Ethiopian Eunuch! (Acts 8:27b-28a)

^{27b} "And behold, a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under Candace the queen of the Ethiopians, who had charge of all her treasury, and had come to Jerusalem to worship,
^{28a} was returning."



✧ Providential Guidance: The eunuch was reading the scroll of Isaiah! (Acts 8:28b – "And sitting in his chariot, he was reading Isaiah the prophet.")

✧ Further Guidance: Acts 8:29-30a – ²⁹ "Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go near and overtake this chariot.' ³⁰ So Philip ran to him, and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah..."

✧ Some Critical Questions:

✦ Acts 8:30b – Philip: "Do you understand what you are reading?"

✦ Acts 8:31a – Eunuch: "How can I, unless someone guides me?"

✧ An Incredible Invitation: Acts 8:31b – "And he asked Philip to come up and sit with him."

✧ A Providential Text: Isaiah 53:7-8

✦ Acts 8:32-33 – The place in the Scripture which he read was this:

"He was led as a sheep to the slaughter;
And as a lamb before its shearer is silent,
So He opened not His mouth.

In His humiliation His justice was taken away,
And who will declare His generation?
For His life is taken from the earth."



✧ Another Critical Question: Acts 8:34 – So the eunuch answered Philip and said, "I ask you, of whom does the prophet say this, of himself or of some other man?"



DISCUSSION GUIDE

For The Week of October 19 – 25, 2025

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"The Ministry of Philip"

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- 1) Have you ever received divine guidance where God spoke to you and led you in a particular direction or course of action? Describe what that was like?
- 2) Have you ever felt like you heard the voice of God speak to you? Read again Acts 8:26 and 29. How did God communicate with Philip?
- 3) Much of God's divine guidance relates to the Great Commission. Read the following passages and give your thoughts on what is happening in these texts:

☞ Acts 5:20 / Acts 10 / Acts 16:6-10 / Acts 18:5-11 / Acts 23:11

God's Timing & Divine Guidance Is Impeccable!

- 1) How did Philip respond to God's promptings? (See Acts 8:27)
- 2) Have you ever had what you would consider a divine encounter with someone? Tell us about it and how it happened.
- 3) What took or key did God use in His providential guidance that connected Philip and the Ethiopian eunuch? (See Acts 8:28)

- 4) Have you ever felt like the Ethiopian eunuch when reading the Bible? (See Acts 8:30-31)

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- 1) When was the last time you had the opportunity to share the gospel with someone? What was it like? (See Acts 8:35)
- 2) Have you ever experienced witnessing a baptism, been baptized yourself, OR actually baptized someone? What do you remember most about your experience?
- 3) What did Philip say are the requirements for being baptized in water? (See Acts 8:37)

☞ Acts 8:37 – Philip Responded: ***"If you believe with all your heart, you may."*** And the eunuch answered and said, ***"I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."***

- 4) How do you think the Ethiopian eunuch reacted to being baptized in water and in the Holy Spirit? (See Acts 8:36-39)
- 5) How would you describe to a friend what happened to Philip after he baptized the Ethiopian eunuch? (Acts 8:40)



What Is God's Divine Guidance & Instruction Leading & Calling Each of Us To? ***To Be His Witnesses!***

- 1) How can we be more mindful of being a witness for Jesus Christ?
- 2) What are some things you are doing to prepare yourself to be more active in sharing your faith with others?