

8 Connect Group Guide: "Called to Serve"



Passage: Acts 6:1-7, 8:1-8, 26-40

Sermon Link: [Called To Serve](#)

Welcome:

(Choose a question for your group to discuss)

- If you could pick, would you rather be there when Jesus walked on water, or when the Israelites crossed the red sea in the time of Moses? Why?
- Share about a time where an act of kindness and love of someone made an impact on your life.

Worship:

(May choose to use YouTube or other mediums to facilitate your time of worship)

- Link: [David Crowder Band - How He Loves Us \(Slideshow + Lyrics\)](#)

Word:

(Discuss these questions in your group, encourage everyone to take part)

Before reading the scripture:

- Describe what it would look like to 'be like Jesus'.
- Why is it important to represent Jesus to those around you?

Read: Acts 6:1-7

- What does it mean to serve others and why is it necessary?
- Serving others often goes hand-in-hand with leaving your comfort zone. Discuss this statement.
- How does serving the people around you reveal Jesus to the world?

Read: Acts 8:1-8

- Serving and ministering to those around you may lead to persecution. How would you describe persecution?
- Stephen was martyred to the point of death and the church was scattered. How do you think Philip must have felt at that time?
- Despite the persecution, Philip (and others) continued to minister to others. Why would they do that?
- How did Philip's ministry reveal God's love to the Samaritans?

Read: Acts 8:26-40

- Do you think it was easy for Philip to leave Samaria, especially after His successful ministry there? Why?
- Why do you think God would ask Philip to leave a city to minister to one man?
- What does this reveal about God's love for people?

Works:

(Take some time for personal reflecting on the following questions and then share back with the group)

- What does serving God look like in your life?
- How does it make you feel when you think about serving people who look, think and act differently to you?
- Saying yes to God may lead to discomfort, persecution and stepping into the unknown. How would saying this affect your life?
- Who are those around you who God has called you to serve?

Closing:

(Remember to ask for prayer requests.)

- Pray together asking God to give you a heart of service and to reveal to you the people around you that need serving.

