

# DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FROM JANUARY 22/23 SERMON

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**ICEBREAKER:** If you could instantly become an expert in something, what would it be? *(Courtesy of Mike Hershey. Thanks, Mike!)*

1. **Read Acts 8:12, 26-27a.** Philip was surrounded by people and seeing them come to Jesus, and then God directed him to a lonely, deserted road.

Talk about Philip's emotions and obedience. Share a time in your life where God's leading didn't seem to make sense.

2. **Read Acts 8:29-38.** Although the charge to leave Samaria and go to the road from Jerusalem to Gaza didn't seem to make sense, God knew exactly what he was doing.

Share a time when you discovered what didn't make sense at first was all part of God's great plan for you.

3. We meet three men in this chapter, each at a different stage in the spiritual journey. Simon's walk was confusing, the Ethiopian was searching, and Philip was on fire—always telling people about Jesus.

Which person do you most relate to now? Whom do you want to relate to? What will you need to do to grow in your walk with Jesus?

4. C. T. Studd was an English Cricket player before becoming a missionary. Studd is known, in part for his poems. Studd famously wrote:

*Only one life 'twill soon be past.*

*Only what's done for Christ will last.*

Discuss what it takes to be jealous for every day and honor Jesus.

Studd also wrote:

*Let us not glide through this world and then slip quietly into heaven, without having blown the trumpet loud and long for our Redeemer, Jesus Christ. Let us see to it that the devil will hold a thanksgiving service in hell when he gets the news of our departure from the field of battle.*

Discuss what it takes to stay “on fire” for Jesus.

## **BIBLE REFERENCES**

**Acts 8:26-27 ESV**

## Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch

<sup>26</sup> Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is a desert place. <sup>27</sup> And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ...

### Acts 8:29-38 ESV

<sup>29</sup> And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.” <sup>30</sup> So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” <sup>31</sup> And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. <sup>32</sup> Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter  
and like a lamb before its shearer is silent,  
so he opens not his mouth.

<sup>33</sup> In his humiliation justice was denied him.  
Who can describe his generation?  
For his life is taken away from the earth.”

<sup>34</sup> And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” <sup>35</sup> Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup> And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?” <sup>37</sup> And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him.

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