



## GOING DEEPER- ACTS 8 (Part 1)

### Read Acts 8:1-25

As they scattered due to the heavy persecution, they brought the good news of the gospel with them wherever they went (4)! The story follows Philip in Samaria.

#### **Here were some of the challenges Philip faced in Samaria:**

- Samaritans and Jews had poor race relations.
- Philip was flying solo without the presence of the Apostles.
- The people believed in magic and already esteemed Simon.

**Philip does two things:** He proclaims Jesus and he works signs and wonders (by the power of the Holy Spirit) (5-6). People are healed, delivered and saved (12)!

The story of Simon reveals that believing and being baptised is only the start. A deeper work of the Holy Spirit transformation, repentance and healing of our bitterness and sin is needed in us (22-23).

#### **Questions:**

1. What might help you point to Jesus and pray for miracles more often for the people around you by God's Spirit?
2. What deeper work of transformation and healing do you need?

*Lord, empower and embolden us to point people to you and pray for healing and restoring power in those around us. We invite you to keep working your transformation and healing in our lives.*



## GOING DEEPER- ACTS 8 (Part 2)

### Read Acts 8:26-40

**The Spirit led Philip to meet the Ethiopian Eunuch whom God was already working in:** He was a worshipper of Yahweh (27), reading the Scripture in his spare time about Jesus (28) and willing to learn from someone (even from a stranger V31!).

This man needed someone to connect the Scripture to Jesus and he needed the Spirit to organise this divine appointment!

#### **Philip shows many qualities in reaching the Ethiopian:**

- Sensitivity and obedience to the Spirit's leading.
- Sensitivity to the Ethiopian's readiness and hunger.
- Patience to meet the Ethiopian where he was at spiritually
- The ability to point to Jesus from the word.

**Philip observed, asked questions, listened and answered questions, gently leading this man to faith in Jesus!**

#### **Questions:**

1. Who is the Spirit leading you to come alongside right now?
2. What qualities in Philip would you like to grow in your life?

*Lord, we are so willing and ready to be used by You that miracles like this might happen in us. Do a work in us God! Open doors for us for the glory of Your name and the salvation of many! Take away our fear and grow our boldness. Amen!*