

# ACTS: To the Ends of the Earth

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## Study 18: One Person at a Time

**READ** Acts 8:26-40 and **LISTEN** to the [sermon](#) by Pastor Craig.

Despite the outbreak of revival in Samaria, Philip the evangelist is directed by the Holy Spirit to meet a God-seeking Ethiopian on a desert road in southern Palestine. Through this divine meeting Philip is given the opportunity to share Jesus. The Ethiopian comes to the realization that Jesus is the prophesied Messiah and responds in faith and obedience. As the Spirit snatches Philip away, the Ethiopian continues on his journey, rejoicing that his blindness has turned to sight in the face of Christ.

**Big idea:** While Christ is sovereign in the evangelization of the lost, God saves people through spirit-led, obedient believers who can explain the gospel

### Questions:

1. How does this story highlight God's passion for the nations and personal involvement in individual lives?
2. How did God prepare this man to receive the gospel message from Philip? How does that encourage you in the process of evangelism?
3. How do you understand God's role and a believer's role in saving the lost? See Rom 10:14-15.
4. How important is it to be able to use Scripture to lead people to Jesus? How might you improve in this area?

5. How much pressure should we put on people to believe in Christ? Where's the balance between urgency and letting the Lord work in His time?
6. Notice the Spirit's clear guidance of Philip (vv. 26, 29, 39) and Philip's immediate and full obedience throughout the story. How might we expect the Holy Spirit to lead us today and how should we respond?

How can we know whether God is prompting us to talk to a particular person about Christ?

7. The Ethiopian was reading Isaiah 53:7-8. Read Isaiah 52:13-53:12. What does this text teach about Jesus?
8. Notice the response of the Ethiopian eunuch to Philip's message (vv. 36-39). Why is baptism important?
9. How might you share the gospel this week? Would you pray that God provides the opportunity as well as the wisdom and discernment needed?

### STOP AND PRAY:

**Adore:** the Lord for His love and longsuffering toward those who reject Jesus.  
**Thank:** God for His sovereign work and people's obedience in bringing you to Christ.  
**Confess:** your fear of sharing Christ with others and ask God to help you overcome.  
**Pray:** for clear opportunities to share Christ with others this coming week.