

## Small Group Questions

November 10, 2019

Read Acts 8:26-40

1. Who was the Ethiopian eunuch? Was he Jewish? Was he the first Gentile convert? Read Deuteronomy 23:1
2. What information can you discern from the passage about the status of the Ethiopian eunuch? Was he wealthy? Was he politically connected? Was the Ethiopian eunuch a learned man?
3. What was the Spirit's involvement in this story?
4. Philip's name is stated 9 times in the original Greek, 11 times in the NIV. The Ethiopian eunuch's name is never mentioned. Why is that the case?
5. What can we learn from the Ethiopian eunuch's approach to reading scripture?
6. Why was the Ethiopian eunuch reading Isaiah 53? Is it a coincidence that just a few chapters away is an interesting passage that speaks directly to his situation? Read Isaiah 56:4-5. What is Isaiah doing in this passage? It seems to contradict Deuteronomy 23:1.
7. Read Isaiah 53.
8. In Isaiah 53:7, the prophet says the metaphorical lamb "did not open his mouth." In Acts 8:35, the Greek says that Philip "opened his mouth..." Is there any importance in that "coincidence." The verse in the NASB says, *"Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning from this Scripture he preached Jesus to him."*
9. In verse 35, Philip preached "Jesus" to the Ethiopian eunuch. What did he preach to him?
10. Why did the Ethiopian eunuch ask to be baptized?
11. With thousands of new followers of Jesus Christ, why did Luke tell this particular story?