

## Week 13—Acts 8:26-40 (for Sunday, April 5)

*\*Note: There is no study for Sunday, March 29 due to it being baptism Sunday.*

Begin each day of your study by asking the LORD to speak to you through His Word.

### Day 1

1. Read Acts 8:26-40 and refer to the map from last week. Who accepted the gospel in this passage? What status did this kind of person have with the Jews (see Deuteronomy 23:1)?

**Ethiopian eunuch**—According to the Acts study by *LifeChange*, “He was from the country south of Egypt (modern Sudan, not modern Ethiopia). In those days, men were often castrated to serve as court officials. A eunuch could not have been a convert to Judaism because eunuchs were barred from the congregation. However, he could have been what the Jews called a “God-fearer,” a Gentile who believed in the One True God, obeyed the moral laws of Judaism, and worshipped in the synagogue and the part of the temple open to Gentiles.”

**Kandake**—This is the title of the queen mother of ancient Ethiopia (similar to Pharaoh or Caesar). The king was:

**Chariot**—Probably not the kind we tend to think about in Rome with races in the Colosseum, but more likely an ox-drawn wagon that would be slow enough for Philip to run alongside.

2. What role did Scripture play in the eunuch’s conversion? What does that reveal to you?

3. Why do you think Luke makes a strong point of God’s guidance (vv. 26, 29, 39) in having the eunuch evangelized?

*Day 2*

1. Read Acts 8:26-40. What “good news” (v. 35) do you think Philip told the eunuch that made him want to be baptized? Use Isaiah 52:13-53:12 to write out your answer and be as detailed as possible.

2. How was the eunuch’s conversion significant to the progress of the gospel (Acts 1:8)? How do the following verses add to this?

Psalms 68:31—

Isaiah 56:3-7—

Ephesians 2:11-18—

*Day 3*

1. What would it have been like for Philip to leave a place where many exciting things were happening (cf. 8:4-25) to go down a desert road? What can this teach us about our lives and God’s calling?

2. Would this eunuch be the person you would choose to bring the gospel “to the ends of the earth?” Why or why not?

3. What does God’s choice of him show us about how God works? What does it show you about *yourself*?

#### Day 4

1. Read Acts 8:26-40. What principles of evangelism do you see in this passage? Take your time as you record your answer.

2. Which of these principles could you apply to your life even today?

3. Who is on your “road” (v. 26) that you could apply these principles too? Spend time praying for the Holy Spirit to give you the opportunity.

#### Day 5

1. Read Acts 8:26-40. What opportunities have you had to share the gospel this week? Has anything kept you from seizing the chances you have had? If so, what?

2. What have you learned from 8:1-40 that might help you become a more effective witness?

3. How has your view of God's work in the world grown as a result of studying 8:1-40?

### *Conclusion*

1. What most stood out to you as you studied Acts 8:26-40 this week? *Why* do you think this was the case?

2. What is the Holy Spirit prompting you to *do* as a result of this? Be prepared to share with your group!