

**Sermon Study Questions**  
**November 27-28**  
**Converted by the Cross**  
**Pastor Ben Joyce**

**Acts 8:26-40**

1. How is God changing your life?
2. If you are a Christian reflect on your own conversion—that point when you came to trust in Jesus for the first time. What were some factors that led to your conversion?

**Observe**

3. What are the divine interventions that occur in this passage? How is God at work to reach this Ethiopian?
4. Based on a close reading of this passage and background information provided in the sermon, what do you know about this Ethiopian? List everything you can surmise about him.
5. Read Isaiah 53:5-8. This prophecy is about Jesus. Write down the phrases that indicate an exchange or substitution—Jesus taking the place of others.

**Reflect**

6. One of the activities of the Spirit in the book of Acts is leading followers of Jesus to cross racial and cultural divides. How is this activity of the Spirit evident in this passage? How have you experienced the Spirit changing the way you view and relate to people who are different from you?
7. In verse 30, Philip asks the Ethiopian if he understands what he is reading. “How can I unless someone explains it to me?” replies the Ethiopian. What tools, resources, and people have helped you to grow in your understanding of the Bible?
8. When the Ethiopian arrived at the Temple, he would have been turned away because he was a eunuch. He would have been told, “People like you can not draw near to God.” In verse 35 we are told that Philip, using Isaiah 53, “told him the good news about Jesus.” If you had been there, how would you have explained the good news of Jesus to this Ethiopian eunuch?

## **Act**

9. As a small group, are you a community that welcomes spiritual seekers and points them to Jesus Christ? How could you become a community that is more effective at helping others to discover the good news of Jesus?

10. Christmas is a time when many people are seeking and questioning. As a small group pray for those you care about who do not yet know Jesus. Also pray for opportunities this Christmas to share the good news of Jesus with others.

11. What is your next step in following Jesus?

12. Who could you help to take their next step in following Jesus?