

## Small Group and Personal Study Questions

### Beginning Again

Acts 8:26-40

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***The purpose of Small Groups is to draw us:  
UPWARD in worship and praise,  
INWARD to dwell on God's word and grow in spiritual formation and disciplines, and  
OUTWARD to care for each other and beyond our groups and church.***

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***Ice-Breaker: The gospel means the good news. Talk about what the 'good news' meant to you when you first came to Christ.... And what it means to you now.***

READ Acts 8:26-40

1. Phillip had been successfully preaching to big crowds in Samaria, when an angel was sent to direct him to travel south on the desert road. It might have felt like a demotion to Phillip...but he obeyed and ended up opening up Ethiopia to the gospel. Talk about times you obeyed God without understanding God's reasons or plans. Looking back on it, what were the results?
2. Phillip was told to go near the eunuch's chariot where he heard the man reading from the prophet Isaiah. (Read Isa. 56:3-5) Phillip was able to use the old testament to explain the new testament gospel. How has God used the old testament in your walk with Christ?
3. (Acts 8:35) What was the 'good news' about Jesus?
4. The eunuch was so inspired that he was eager to be baptized by Phillip. After that baptism the Holy Spirit led Phillip away suddenly, leaving the eunuch to rejoice. Phillip moved on and preached the gospel all the way to Caesarea, in the area of the Philistine capital. How does a spiritual victory inspire you to share your testimony?
5. In the Sunday service, what did the pastor say that most resonated with you?
6. A commentary stated: "God finds great and various uses for those willing to obey wholeheartedly." Pray that people in your group will hear from the Lord this week and obey. Then share results in next week's home group. Testimonies are inspiring!