



SMALL GROUP GUIDE

THE GOSPEL

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Acts 8 is another major turning point in the history and development of the new community of Jesus. It now has a new leader, is in a new place, and is experiencing a new momentum. This is the momentum we hope to experience in our church in the coming days.

Read & Discuss Acts 8:1-8, 26-39.

- When was the last time you shared your faith with someone not a follower of Jesus? What was the experience like for you?
- In what ways did the early church change in these opening paragraphs, and what do they suggest about the nature of church growth (Acts 8:1-8)?
- What does the account of Philip and the Ethiopian suggest about the role of the Holy Spirit in sharing our faith (Acts 8:26-39)?
- How does this passage sum up what it means to share our faith with others (Acts 8:35)?
- What particular part of the prophecy quoted here might have been of special interest to this Ethiopian eunuch (Acts 8:33)? (see also Deuteronomy 23:1).
- Who might the Samaritans and this Ethiopian represent in our current culture?
- Are there people the Spirit is encouraging you to stay near today (Acts 8:29)?

Pray Together

Holy Spirit, give me the guidance and courage to move toward the people in my life who desire to know you.