



Week 7: August 23-29

10min Welcome / Introduce Guests / Share Life
Recall the Guidelines / Open in Prayer

2min *Share the Vision: Small group is designed for team discipleship to take place. Team discipleship allows everyone to play a part making new disciples of Christ. Let us grow in making disciples today!*

5min **Hook Question:** Has there been a time in your life when you chose to obey knowing that it would not be easy?

2min **Ask someone from your team to read or tell the following background for the story:**

When the apostles chose seven men to serve the Hellenistic widows in the church, they chose men who had a good reputation and were filled with the Spirit. Philip was one of the men chosen. As we look at the life of Philip, we see that he was always obedient.

After Stephen, another one of the seven, was stoned to death for following Christ a man named Saul went from house to house putting Christians in jail. This caused the church to disperse to different parts of the world. Philip fled and went to Samaria. He was the first person to take the gospel to Samaria. As a result of his obedience many people surrendered their lives to Jesus.

After Philip spent some time there, an angel from the Lord came to him. They told him to travel south towards Gaza. This would not be an easy or safe trip to make alone. Gaza was a desert region. He also would be vulnerable to thieves and others who might harm him. However, when he received this command he got up and started traveling to Gaza. This is where our story begins...

12min **Tell the story from Acts 8:26-40:** *Remember to change up the storyteller often.*
Rebuild the story: *Group members retell the story based on what they remember.*
Read the story from Acts 8:26-40: *Ask the group to read these verses.*

Discussion Questions: learn to talk about God’s Word with others...

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| <p>Head Questions:
Quicker tempo.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What stands out to you the most in this story? Why? • What does this story teach us about us as people? • What does this story teach us about God? |
| <p>Heart & Hand Questions:
Slow down & wait!</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is God speaking to you about right now and how do you need to apply this story to your life? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Is there something God is asking you to be obedient to Him about? • Who could retell the story for us? CHALLENGE: Tell the story to someone this week! |

Ask for a volunteer storyteller for next week. Close in prayer.