

Reflection and Discussion

Sermon Series	Storyline of the Bible
Sermon Title	Putting it all together
Bible Texts	John 3:16-17, Acts 8:26-40
Date	September 3, 2023

CONNECT – Getting to know one another

- Question 1: What do you think is the main message of the Bible?
- Question 2: As you experience a broken world each day, how do you reconcile the reality of that broken world to your hopes and dreams of the future?

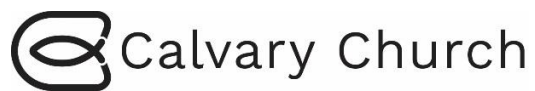
EQUIP – Understanding God's word

Read John 3:14-21

- Question 3: Think about John 3:16. How does the Old Testament show us God's persistent love?
- Question 4: How does verse 16 describe the ministry of Christ?
- Question 5: Translating from one language to another is often imperfect and things can get "lost in translation." The Greek word translated here as "believe" can also mean "trust in and rely on." How does that affect how we understand John 3:16?
- Question 6: How do verses 19-21 describe the ministry of Christ?
- Question 7: What does the truth that redemption comes through Jesus Christ mean to you? How does this truth connect to the arc of God's promises through Abraham, Moses and David?

Read Acts 8:26-40

- Question 8: What stands out to you the most in this story?
- Question 9: When the angel first spoke to Philip, did he tell him the purpose of his mission? How did Philip respond? (8:26-28)
- Question 10: When God then spoke to Philip, how did he respond? (8:29)
- Question 11: What questions did the eunuch have for Philip? (8:31, 34) Why is it important to listen to the questions that people have about the things of God?
- Question 12: How did Philip respond to those questions? (8:35)
- Question 13: Every opportunity to share the gospel message is unique in some way. What features make this event memorable?



DISCIPLESHIP – Becoming and doing

Question 14: How simply can you express the good news of Jesus Christ?

Question 15: The Old Testament shows that God never stops pursuing us with his love. He will not let us go! How does this encourage us? How does it strengthen us to reach out to others?

Question 16: How does the fact that you have been redeemed by the blood of Christ carry over into your relationships with family, friends and neighbors?