



"God Calls All People Home" - July 12, 2026

Sermon by: Pastor Jeanette Yep

Group Leader Notes

Pastor Jeanette teaches from **Acts 8:26–40**, showing how God pursues every person and removes every barrier through Jesus Christ. Through Philip's encounter with the Ethiopian eunuch, we see God's heart for redemption, belonging, and sending ordinary believers to share the gospel with humility, courage, and love. This message reminds us that God is already at work preparing hearts and calling people home.

Main Scripture Reading: Acts [8:26–40](#)

Group Discussion: Begin in prayer before reading and discussing the text.

1. **Pastor Jeanette emphasized that God was already at work before Philip arrived on the desert road.** How have you seen God preparing someone's heart—or even your own—before a conversation or life-changing moment?
2. **The Ethiopian official had status and influence but still felt like an outsider who was searching for God.** Where do people today experience barriers to belonging, and how can the church reflect Jesus' welcoming heart to those who feel excluded?
3. **Philip responded to God's prompting by listening, asking questions, and walking alongside the Ethiopian before sharing the gospel.** What can we learn from Philip's approach about having spiritual conversations with friends, coworkers, or neighbors?
4. **The Ethiopian asked, "What can stand in the way of my being baptized?" and the gospel's answer was that nothing could keep him from God's grace.** What are some lies or obstacles people believe keep them from coming to Jesus, and how does the gospel address those fears?
5. **Pastor Jeanette challenged us to expect God to work beyond our familiar circles and asked, "Who is the person God has already been preparing for you?"** Who comes to mind as you

consider that question, and what might be one faithful next step God is inviting you to take this week?

Let's Pray

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Our hope is that, together, we will:

- Discover joy in reading God's Word
- See the powerful, unified arc of Scripture
- Understand God's redemptive work for all people and all things in Jesus
- Embrace the invitation to join Him in that work today

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