

Week 4: Sarah's Life Message

# **HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE**

There are four crucial components for a group to maintain its health: Word, prayer, relationships, and reaching out. In this guide, you will study the biblical passage in three steps: observation, interpretation, and application. As the group leader, you are free to use any part of this guide that can assist you in achieving this goal.

### CONNECT

- Share a high and a low from the week.
- What's your favorite place you've ever traveled?
- Who is someone that showed up in your life at just the right time?

# INTRODUCTION

In Acts 8:26-40, God sends Philip to an unlikely place to meet an unlikely person—an Ethiopian official already seeking truth. Philip listens to God's prompting, loves the Eunuch enough to boldly share the gospel with him, and trusts God to write the rest of the story - ending in a miraculous baptism in the desert. This passage invites us to do the same: to love people, and to trust God to write the story.

# **OBSERVATIONS & INTERPRETATION**

Read: Acts 8:26-40

### Verses 26-28:

- Why might this direction from the angel have seemed illogical or inconvenient to Philip?
- What does this tell us about Philip's relationship with God?
- What do we learn about the eunuch in these verses?
  Why might God have been drawing him?

#### Verses 29-35:

- How does Philip begin his conversation with the eunuch?
- What's significant about Philip starting with the eunuch's questions and context?
- What does this teach us about sharing Jesus with others?

#### Verses 36-40:

- What's surprising about the ending of this encounter?
- What do we learn about God's role and Philip's role in this story?

# **APPLICATION**

- Who in your life might God already be at work ininviting you to listen, ask questions, or share?
- Where are you tempted to control the story instead of trusting God with the outcome?
- What would it look like this week to love someone sacrificially by sharing Jesus with them?

# **PRAYER**

- Pray for courage to obey God's promptings—even when the outcome is unclear.
- Thank God for the people who helped you take steps toward faith, and ask Him to use you in someone else's story.