

The Amazing Acts of the Holy Spirit Small Group Study
November 14, 2021: Acts 8:26-40
Holy Spirit Appointments

What experience have you had with being tutored, or with tutoring others?

How do artists usually portray angels? How is that different from how angels are described in the Bible? What do angels do in Scripture? How do people usually react to them (see Luke 1:12 and 2:8-9)?

Read Acts 8:26-31. What instruction did the angel (messenger) of the Lord give to Philip? Why did the Ethiopian official visit Jerusalem (see 2:1-11)?

The Ethiopian was reading from Isaiah 53. Read that chapter, along with the 3 verses before it in chapter 52. What do you notice about the servant? If all you knew of the servant was summed up in 53:7-9, what would you assume must have happened to him? What benefits come to others because of the servant's suffering and death (see 53:4-6, 10, 12)?

In what ways does Jesus fit the picture of the servant Isaiah describes?

Read Acts 8:32-35. How did God pave the way for Philip's message? How did Philip respond to the promptings?

Read Acts 8:36-40. What did the Ethiopian ask when Philip had told him about Jesus? What happened next?

Many Ethiopian Christians today trace the roots of their faith to the witness of this Ethiopian official. What does that say about the importance of sharing the good news about Jesus?

From the way God sets up opportunities to witness (vv. 26-40; 2:5-14; 3:6-16), how can that free you from fears in sharing the good news with others? How can you grow in faith so you will be prepared for the opportunities to share that God puts in front of you?