

ONE CHURCH: A Study of the Book of Acts

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Part 8 Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch

Acts 8:26-40

Introduction:

Take 3-5 minutes for each group member to jot down their average weekly schedule. Where do you go, with whom do you interact, what do you do? Have each person share.

How would you describe your routine? Exciting, boring, purposeful, hectic, strenuous, life-giving, draining?

You might call these weekly routines the “path” that we walk in our lives. Today, we will talk about the paths down which God intends to lead his people.

Read Acts 8:26-40

Based on what you have learned in Acts so far, how would you describe some of Philip’s routines in life? What do you know about his routines as a Jew, as a Christian, and as part of the now-scattered church?

Briefly describe what you know about this man Philip meets, the Ethiopian eunuch. From Sunday’s sermon, what are some details you remember about the political, racial, religious, and geographical context?

We noted how the Spirit led Philip far outside his regular routine. When is a time you have been led way outside your routine yet found yourself somewhere good?

The text states that God led Philip to this place. Have you ever had an experience where you believe God led you to go somewhere or do something?

Would you say that God regularly leads you? What does it take for you to break out of your routines because of God's leading?

What would it look like for that to become a more regular occurrence in your life?

Your Move:

If we are going to let God direct our actions, we must regularly pause and create space for him to lead us. Where in your life this week will you create space for God to lead you?

One practice that can create a space like this is the *prayer of examen*. Consider using the **Examen Prayer Guide** available [here](#) on the CCC website sometime this week.