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## Unshakeable Celebration

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Consider the moment when God first opened your heart and met you in a divine appointment. You were the ONE who He desired to know Him more. There is a story of one such meeting in Acts where an Ethiopian eunuch was searching. As he read from the book of Isaiah, God met him right there in the desert by sending Philip, one of the twelve disciples who followed Jesus. After Philip shares the Gospel and baptizes him, the eunuch goes on his way rejoicing. When Jesus entered this man's story, everything changed. When Jesus enters our own story, everything changes.

### Key Scripture | Acts 8:26-38

Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means "queen of the Ethiopians"). The man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. The Spirit told Philip, "Go to that chariot and stay near it." Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. "Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked. "How can I," he said, "unless someone explains it to me?" So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading: "He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he did not open his mouth. In his humiliation he was deprived of justice. Who can speak of his descendants? For his life was taken from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?" The Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus. As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?" And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him.

### Related Scriptures

— Acts 8:39, Isaiah 53:7-8, Matthew 28:19-20, Luke 15:7

### Icebreakers:

— Q: What is the funniest thing that's happened during a meeting?

## Key Thoughts and Reflections: \_\_\_\_\_

### I. God sets up divine appointments for “THE ONE”.

Q: God chose Philip, a disciple of Jesus, to meet the Ethiopian eunuch in the desert. Read Matthew 28:19-20 and discuss a possible reason why Philip was chosen for this divine appointment.

Q: In our key scripture, the eunuch went to worship and Philip was called to meet him afterward. Do you think that this desert location was a more impactful place for this divine meeting? Why or why not?

Q: Share a time when God set up a moment for you or another, that when looking back, was a divine appointment.

### II. Spiritual Questions need spiritual answers.

Q: Philip’s first question to the eunuch was, “Do you understand what you are reading?” Why is it important to meet someone where they are when you’re called to share the Gospel?

Q: Read verse thirty-three from the key scripture. Who is the person referenced?

Q: The eunuch was searching but didn’t have understanding. What do people in our culture tend to gravitate to when they seek understanding about life?

### III. THE GOSPEL: Jesus changes everything.

Q: In Acts 8:35, we read that Philip began with the passage the eunuch was reading and then told him the good news about Jesus. How does reading/sharing the Gospel story bring understanding?

Q: The good news of the Gospel is: “Jesus, God in flesh, came to rescue us from sin and separation. He lived the life we couldn’t live and died the death that we deserved. He rose from the grave with power over death. He offers forgiveness, purpose, and eternal life.”

When the Gospel was shared with the eunuch, he immediately wanted to be baptized and went away rejoicing. Why does the good news of Jesus lead us into celebration?

Q: When Jesus enters your story, everything changes. How has Jesus changed your story?

## Get Practical \_\_\_\_\_

The eunuch went all in for Jesus. He didn’t hesitate, overthink, or wait for the perfect moment. Take some time this week to remember your first divine appointment with God. Write down the changes you have seen in your own life since you met Jesus. Take some time each morning to celebrate all that He has done and all that He will do. Ask Jesus to give you the opportunity to share the Gospel with your ONE. If you need prayer, reach out to your small group leader or text prayer to 37748 so we can pray with you.