Questions for Reflection and Discussion

Acts 8:26-40

Crossing Barriers

Background

Read Acts 8:1-8. Why had Philip gone to Samaria? Write a brief summary of his ministry there.

Digging In

1. **Read Ac 8:26-40.** Jot down your first impressions.

2. **Read vss. 26-29**. How did God orchestrate the encounter between Philip and the Ethiopian eunuch?

3. What evidence is there that the Ethiopian was spiritually open?

4. **Read vss. 30-35**. How did Philip open the conversation?

5. Paraphrase the Ethiopian's response in v. 31.

6. How had God prepared the Ethiopian?

7. How does the passage in Isaiah relate to the gospel?

8. What does Philip's response tell us about his understanding of Scripture?

9. **Read vss. 36-40**. What is implied by the Ethiopian's desire to be baptized?

10. How does Luke conclude this account?

Getting Personal

- What lessons can we learn from the way Philip initiated the conversation and responded to the Ethiopian's question?

- As we seek to be faithful witnesses of Christ, how can it encourage us to know that he has prepared people in advance?

- What steps can we take to be prepared to share the gospel as God gives us opportunities?

- Persevere in praying for your Top Five.

- Make plans to spend time with one of your Top Five next week. (See the Top Five handout for ideas.)