



## May 9th Discussion Guide

### **WITNESSES - ACTS 8:26-40**

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This is a 12 week study through the Book of Acts. Content for this discussion guide is based on the sermon, so participation in weekly worship will enhance the conversation on this topic. If you want to watch the sermon it can be viewed at [Sermons Archive - Good Shepherd Church Naperville](#)

### Prayer

Open your group in prayer.

### Icebreaker (10 min)

What movies do you enjoy watching with your family? Do any of those movies mirror the redemption of Christ? (super heroes, science fiction, etc)

## Discussion (45 min)

1. Read Acts 8:26-29, and Acts 1:8. This story is about Philip witnessing to the Ethiopian.
  - a. Who guided Philip in these verses?
  - b. What is our job and what is the Spirit's job in sharing the Gospel?
  - c. How have you been led by the Holy Spirit recently? Did you obey? What was the outcome?
2. Read Acts 8:30-33, Isaiah 55:11:
  - a. What verses were the Ethiopian reading from in Acts? Who were the verses referring to? Share your understanding of this fulfillment of prophecy.
  - b. How has reading Scripture affected your faith? Share a favorite verse that opened your eyes to what Jesus has done for you.
3. Read Acts 8:34-35, 1 Peter 3:15.
  - a. How has God used you to witness to others?
  - b. Are you prepared with a 2-3 minute story to share about your hope in Jesus to someone who asks? If there is time, feel free to share today with the group!
4. Read Acts 8:36-40, Acts 2:38.
  - a. Why should we be baptized?
  - b. Were you baptized as a baby or as an adult? If not, what will you do to learn more about baptism?
5. **Application question:** What social, family, or work group will you let the Holy Spirit lead you to this week to share the gospel and witness about your hope in Jesus?

## Closing Prayer

LORD, thank you for drawing us to Yourself through Your Spirit, Word, people, and baptism. Refresh in us that feeling of “going on our way rejoicing” in our faith. Show us opportunities to share our joy and give us courage and words to follow through!