

SOMETHING NEW • A STUDY THROUGH THE BOOK OF

ACTS

OBEDIENCE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

KEY SCRIPTURES. Choose a person to read the following scriptures.

Read Acts 8:26-40

Study the following commentary for additional insight

<https://www.preceptaustin.org/acts-8-commentary>

START THINKING. Ask this question to get your LifeGroup thinking.

- Uncertain circumstances can cause fear and anxiety. What are some common uncertain situations you have found yourself in that have caused an anxious response?
- God often calls people into uncertain situations. Why do you think God does that? When has God called you into something uncertain? How has it impacted your relationship with God?

START TALKING. Ask these questions to get your LifeGroup talking.

Read Acts 8:26-40

- What sort of response and reaction do you have to this story?

What questions does it spark for you?

- In this story Philip is immediate in his obedience to God's uncertain call.

What prevents us from responding the way Philip did? Is God currently calling you into something uncertain and unsure? Are you hesitating?

- Even in uncertainty God's Spirit leads us into His mission. This assumes that you are looking for, and are willing to respond to, the Spirit's guidance in your life. But it also raises the question, "How do you know where and when the Spirit is leading?"

Discuss that question, but also look at what Jesus says about the work of the Spirit in John 14:15-31 & 16:7-15 to help inform your responses.

- What do you notice about Philip's approach to the chariot?

What does that teach us about bearing witness and sharing the gospel with people in our community?

- Verse 35 says that Philip shared with the eunuch the Good News about Jesus.

Culturally, as someone on the outside, we see that the Good News for the eunuch was that the sacrificial death of Jesus includes those who are excluded.

How is that message good news for the people in our context today?

START SHARING. Ask this question to get your LifeGroup sharing.

- Pastor Matt emphasized biblical obedience in baptism for the believer.

Discuss your thoughts on his message. Ask if anyone in your group needs to follow through in believers' baptism.

START PRAYING.

Close your time praying for the willingness to follow wherever the Spirit leads even if it leads you into uncertain circumstances. Also, pray for those in the group who find themselves currently in the midst of uncertainty.