

# NWC Questions

FOR PERSONAL STUDY & SMALL GROUPS - JULY 10, 2016

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## Loving the Church: Divine Appointments and Gospel Conversations

Acts 8:25-20

After re-reading the text from Acts 8:25-40, discuss the following questions:

1. Why do you think God would move Philip from a place of responsiveness in Samaria to the desert in order to engage a single person? What, if any, implications does this have for our ministry at North Wake?
2. What were some of the areas of brokenness that the Ethiopian Eunuch may have been dealing with? How might the Eunuch's visit to Jerusalem have actually served to heighten his receptivity? What areas of brokenness left you searching that prepared you to surrender to Christ?
3. In what ways was the Holy Spirit working in both the lives of Philip and the Ethiopian? Share the story of the person who first explained the gospel to you and how the Holy Spirit was working in both of your lives in that encounter.
4. What struck you about how God's word in the scroll of Isaiah seemed to speak directly to the Ethiopian's brokenness? What is the significance of his desire to be baptized immediately following his new-found faith in Jesus?
5. Have you been obedient to surrender to Jesus in repentance and faith and believers baptism? Share that story with your group. If not, discuss your reservations with your group.
6. Take some time to practice sharing the "3 Circles Gospel Conversation" with a partner in your small group. Make sure to draw it out while explaining the gospel and what it requires.
7. What hurting people, like the Ethiopian to Philip, is God sending you to share the message of hope in the gospel? Have each person in your small group name at least 1 person that they will commit to share the "3 Circles Gospel Conversation" with this week.