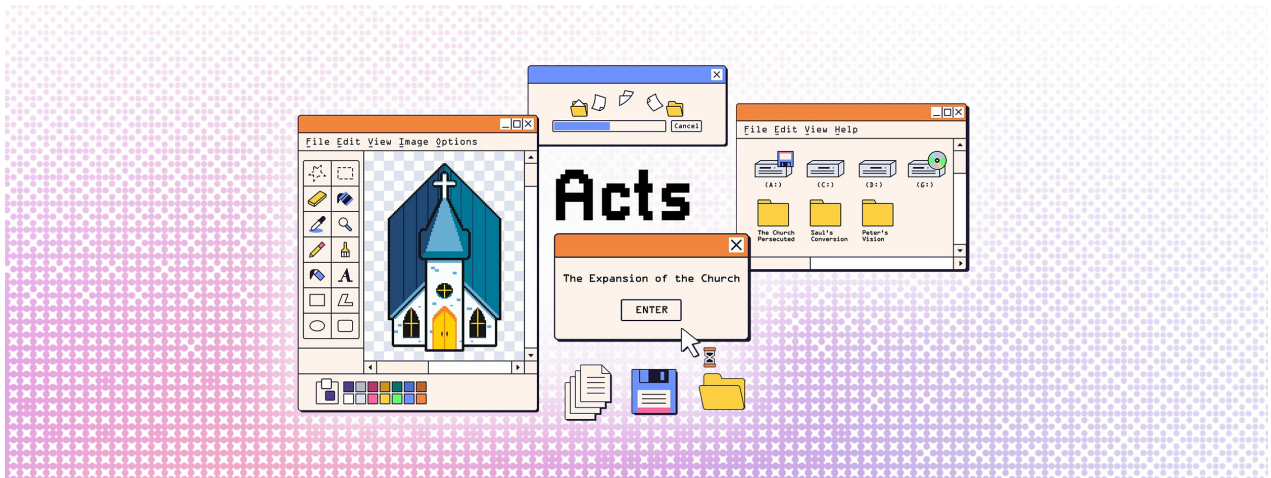




Acts - The Expansion of the Church - The Birth of the Church in Judea and Samaria

Acts 8:26-40

Discussion Questions for May 3rd, 2026

1. In our passage, Philip was given specific directions by an angel and the Spirit. Have you ever had a time when you received very specific instructions from God?
2. **Main Idea: An irresistible message, guided by the Spirit, presented in a winsome way, leading to a glorious response.**
3. The eunuch was reading from the book of Isaiah chapter 53. Read the 12 verses of Isaiah 53 together. What phrases jump out at you that most pertain to Jesus?
4. Philip was led down a road to an out-of-the-way desert place. So often this is how the Lord directs us into His will, by an out-of-the-way path in a direction we didn't expect. Share your story, if the Lord has ever taken you on such a path.
5. Which aspects of the guy in the chariot would have made him an outsider in Jerusalem to people of the Jewish faith? What about to people of the early Christian? Do you have a friend or family member who might feel like an outsider to people within the church or to God Himself? How could you use Acts 8 to encourage them?
6. Pastor Rob talked about being kind, quiet, and gentle when witnessing and testifying about Jesus. Is that your natural style? How do you normally talk about Jesus to those around you? Were you convicted to make any adjustments in your evangelistic approach?
7. In verse 35, Philip shared the good news "beginning with this Scripture." Isn't that an amazing talent, to begin in one spot, but bring it around to the gospel message? Describe how you might share the gospel:

- Beginning with a comment that the sunset is beautiful
- Beginning with a worry about someone's upcoming surgery
- Beginning with Psalm 23
- Beginning with a frustration that Christians are so hypocritical

8. The Ethiopian eunuch asks, "What prevents me from being baptized?" and thankfully the implied answer is "Nothing!" Let's ask this about our non-Christian friends today...what prevents them from being baptized? What ideas or situations are standing in the way of them accepting Jesus as their Savior? What could we do to be like Philip and clear the way for their salvation?
9. Pray that the Spirit guides us clearly like He guided Philip. Let us be ready in all circumstances to bring the conversation around to the gospel, removing any obstacles. May we rejoice as the Lord gathers people from all places and all backgrounds into His kingdom.