

# Get Up and Go!



## GROWTH GUIDE JULY 28, 2024

10th Sunday after Pentecost

*Scripture: Acts 8:26-40*

### AUTHOR

Luke, a Gentile physician, wrote this book between A.D. 63-70. It's considered to be a sequel to the Gospel of Luke which he also wrote. Luke writes about the birth and growth of the Christian church and covers the 30 years after Jesus was taken up into heaven.

### CONTEXT

Following the stoning of Stephen, a leader in the early church, persecution began forcing believers to leave their homes in Jerusalem and into Judea and Samaria. Philip was a Jew and 1 of 7 men chosen to help with the food distribution program in the church. He became 1 of the first traveling missionaries, went to Samaria, and told the people there about the Messiah. Philip cast out evil spirits, performed miraculous signs, baptized and healed people.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Read Acts 1:8. Before Jesus ascended into heaven, what did Jesus task the disciples to do? By what power would they accomplish this?
2. Read Acts 8:26-40. As our scripture passage opens, who speaks to Philip?
3. What was Philip asked to do and what was his response?
4. Have you ever given up something to be obedient to God? (Philip had a successful preaching ministry)

5. Who did Philip meet and why was the man in Jerusalem?
6. Read Isaiah 56:3-8. What does God say about eunuchs and others who might be considered outcasts or excluded by society? (Eunuchs were often excluded from worship and not considered citizens in Israel.) What is the radical message in this passage?
7. What did the Spirit say to Philip? Have you ever felt the Holy Spirit give you a "nudge" to do something? To what lengths would you go to spread the Good News? Have you ever ignored a "nudge" from the Holy Spirit?
8. Is there someone or a group that you could help with or mentor in their understanding of the Bible? (Think out of the box)
9. The eunuch was reading Isaiah 53:7-8. How do you think Philip's explanation of this passage impacted the eunuch?
10. What did the eunuch ask Philip in Acts 8:36? What was Philip's response?
11. What happened to Philip following the baptism?
12. As the eunuch went on his way, what was he doing? What do you think his life might have been like going forward?

### ENCOURAGEMENT

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