

# Acts 8:26-40 Philip & Ethiopian Eunuch

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## The Big idea

This vignette of an early conversion to Christianity, while seemingly innocent enough, actually represents a surprising, if not shocking, expansion of the Gospel.



Who is Philip and how is he already a sign of the expansion of Christ's witness? (Acts 6:1-6)

Where does Philip preach just before meeting the Ethiopian eunuch? (Acts 8:4-8)

Why is it significant to the development of the book of Acts that Philip preaches there?  
(Acts 1:8)

Definitions: What is a eunuch? What do you think the experience of being an Ethiopian eunuch on pilgrimage to Jerusalem was like? What are the ways that the eunuch's conversion indicates a new movement of the Holy Spirit?

In Romans 2:25-29, the Apostle Paul weighs in on the Jewish requirement of circumcision. How does the story of the Ethiopian eunuch take on new meaning of Paul statement that “real circumcision is a matter of the heart”? What is the “mark” of Christian?

What do you look for when you embrace someone as a Christian friend?

At FCCBRLA, when we prepare someone for baptism, or welcome an individual as a church member, we have one question in two parts. **Do you believe that Jesus is the Christ, the son of the living God? Have you accepted Jesus as Lord and Savior?** How is this a departure from other Christian traditions?

How does this story challenge our sensibilities about who can belong to Christ?

Has the Holy Spirit ever prompted you to do something way outside of your comfort zone?

Have you ever grown to accept a fellow Christian who, at first, you kept at arm’s length?

Are you being challenge to be more accepting of someone else now?