



Small Group Questions: The Great Adventure

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Read

Acts 8:26-36, 38-40; John 10:10; Proverbs 4:20-22; and Colossians 3:1-2

Reflect

In Acts 8, Phillip serves as a leader assisting with the early church's ministry to widows. Sent to Samaria, Phillip proclaims the Good News and many listen eagerly and believe. But then, an angel of the Lord tells Phillip to head south. Phillip obeys, and on his way, meets an Ethiopian eunuch. A divine appointment takes place. How willing are you to follow God's adventurous plan for your life? Do you relate to Phillip—wanting to be used by God? Do you feel ready for a new challenge?

Pastor Greg describes several ways God leads us to take part in His great adventures:

1. God wants to take you places you never would have gone.
 - a. In what ways has God revealed part of His adventurous plan for you through relocation, lifestyle changes, a trip, or a new job or school to attend?
 - b. How good are you at focusing on the journey rather than the destination?
2. God wants to introduce you to people you never would have met.
 - a. On his way south, Phillip encounters an important official—an Ethiopian eunuch—someone he was unlikely to have met if he had stayed home. Have you ever met someone at an event, when you would've rather stayed home, only to realize later that it was a divine set up? Explain.
 - b. Can you think of someone whose destiny is/was tied to your willingness to respond positively to one of God's adventures? Are there instances where you consciously chose not to respond? What might you do differently now?
3. God wants to engage you in conversations you never would have had.
 - a. Do you engage with people in unplanned situations? What have been some of the results?
4. God wants you to experience things you never would have imagined.
 - a. Phillip probably did not imagine that obeying God's vague command to "go south" would result in him meeting a eunuch confused over a passage in Isaiah about Christ—a great segue into telling him the Good News. The man asks to be baptized and later starts a branch of the church that still exists today. What situations has God orchestrated in your life or the life of loved ones that led to unimaginable results?

Pastor Greg asks us "What stands between you and the life of adventure God has for you?"

1. Are you willing to listen for fresh direction from God every day?
 - a. How will you practice hearing God's voice and develop margin to listen?
2. Are you willing to watch for evidence that God is at work in those around you?
 - a. How will you practice seeing interruptions as opportunities to help someone confused or questioning belief in Christianity, or in some kind of other need?
3. Are you willing to take a risk and turn a conversation toward the Good News of Jesus?

Respond

What is your next step? Where is God leading you? How can your small group support you and hold you accountable in this?