

## Sermon Discussion – 24 September 2023

Read Acts 8:25-40

### **Getting Started** *Sharing from personal experience*

This text highlights the importance of being available for divine appointments and paying attention to who's in front of us. Share a personal story when you felt God led you to a divine appointment or a significant encounter with someone. How did it impact your faith or the other person's life?

### **Observation** *Discovering the context*

- What led Philip to encounter the Ethiopian eunuch on the road to Gaza?
- How do you think the eunuch's status might have influenced his spiritual journey?

### **Interpretation** *Discovering the meaning*

1. The sermon emphasized that the church is God's Plan A for spreading the good news. In your own words, explain what this means. Why is it important for Christians to be actively involved in sharing the gospel?
2. How did the Holy Spirit guide Philip throughout this encounter, and why was this guidance crucial? In what ways have you experienced the guidance of the Holy Spirit in your own life?
3. Have you ever had an experience where you were curious about someone's spiritual understanding, like Philip asking the Ethiopian eunuch if he understood the scripture? How did that conversation go? What did you learn from it?
4. Discuss the role of God's Word in sharing the gospel. How does the Bible serve as a powerful tool for communicating God's message? How can we grow in confidence in using Scripture to guide our conversations about faith?
5. How can we gain confidence in letting God's word speak for itself when sharing the Gospel? How might this change the way we approach evangelism?

### **Application** *Putting knowledge into practice*

- When it comes to church events like Hope Explored, Houghton Feast, and Christmas, what are your expectations? How can you participate with an open heart and a willingness to engage in conversations about faith with those who attend these events?

- Reflect on any fears or reservations you may have had about sharing your faith. How has your perspective on evangelism changed over time, if at all?
- Try memorising Acts 8:35...  
*“Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus.”*
- How has God blessed you and answered prayer this week?