

**April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**Sermon: ACTS: The Spirit and The Story | The Ethiopian**

**Main text: Acts 8:26-40**

## **SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION REFLECTIONS & QUESTIONS...**

### **Key Reflections/Quotes:**

- “The Spirit of God is always at work. The question is, am I paying attention?”
- “The wind of the Spirit is always blowing—we need to learn to respond.”
- “Divine appointments happen when we are available and attentive.”
- “What is Jesus saying to me? How is He inviting me to respond?”
- “The mission of Jesus becomes the mission of the church.”

The mission of Jesus continues through the Spirit

- Acts shows how the gospel spreads through ordinary people empowered by the Holy Spirit.
- The church moves outward—from Jerusalem to the ends of the earth.

The Holy Spirit leads both the messenger and the seeker

- Philip is led to go.
- The Ethiopian is already being stirred through Scripture.
- God is working on both sides of the conversation.

Divine appointments happen when we are attentive

- The Spirit creates opportunities, but we must notice and respond.
- Philip asks a simple question that opens the door to sharing Jesus.

The gospel requires a response

- The Ethiopian responds with faith and immediate baptism.
- Faith in Jesus leads to a tangible, visible step of obedience.

The Spirit still works the same way today

- Through prayer, Scripture, community, and circumstances.
- The “wind” of the Spirit may be strong or subtle—but it is always blowing.

### **Key Questions:**

1. **Where have you seen (or sensed) the Holy Spirit at work in your life recently?**  
Was it obvious like a “strong wind,” or subtle like a “gentle breeze”?
2. **Philip responded quickly when the Spirit led him.**  
What tends to hold you back from acting when you feel prompted by God?
3. **The Ethiopian was already searching and reading Scripture.**  
Who in your life might already be spiritually curious or open?
4. **The message highlighted four ways God speaks (prayer, Bible, community, circumstances).**  
Which of these is strongest in your life right now? Which needs more attention?
5. What might it look like for you to be more intentional and available for “divine appointments” this week?

