

C3 LEADERS QUESTIONS

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Getting Started with a Warm-Up: (Pick one of these questions)

- If you were stranded on a deserted island, and could only have one book of the Bible what book would you want to have with you? And why? (*For leaders: Please be ready to share if no one else does.*)

Getting Down to Business:

The following questions are following this format: Scripture, Observation, Application, and Prayer (SOAP).

- 1) **Scripture:** Read Luke 22:14-20 and John 3:16-17. A) Briefly explain what the “new covenant” is that Jesus says was confirmed by his blood? (*For leaders: “After supper he took another cup of wine and said, “This cup is the new covenant between God and his people—an agreement confirmed with my blood, which is poured out as a sacrifice for you” [Luke 22:20, NLT] “For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. 17 God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him.” [John 3:16-17, NLT]*)

B. Read Acts 8:26-38. In your own words briefly describe what is happening in this passage?

Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch

26 As for Philip, an angel of the Lord said to him, “Go south down the desert road that runs from Jerusalem to Gaza.” 27 So he started out, and he met the treasurer of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under the Kandake, the queen of Ethiopia. The eunuch had gone to Jerusalem to worship, 28 and he was now returning. Seated in his carriage, he was reading aloud from the book of the prophet Isaiah. 29 The Holy Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and walk along beside the carriage.” 30 Philip ran over and heard the man reading from the prophet Isaiah. Philip asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” 31 The man replied, “How can I, unless someone instructs me?” And he urged Philip to come up into the carriage and sit with him. 32 The passage of Scripture he had been reading was this:

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“He was led like a sheep to the slaughter.

And as a lamb is silent before the shearers,
he did not open his mouth.

33 He was humiliated and received no justice.

Who can speak of his descendants?

For his life was taken from the earth.”

34 The eunuch asked Philip, “Tell me, was the prophet talking about himself or someone else?” 35 So beginning with this same Scripture, Philip told him the Good News about Jesus. 36 As they rode along, they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “Look! There’s some water! Why can’t I be baptized?” 38 He ordered the carriage to stop, and they went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. (Acts 8:26-38, NLT)

Below is an excerpt from the The Bible Panorama commentary that you can access by following the link after the excerpt.

V 26–34: PREPARED Philip is led by God’s angel to the desert road between Jerusalem and Gaza. There he comes across an Ethiopian eunuch of high authority in the government. He is a prepared man, actually reading the part of Isaiah talking about the death of Christ to come (Isaiah 53 in our Bible). The eunuch wants to know more and asks Philip to explain the passage to him.

V 35: PROCLAMATION From the selfsame passage, Philip proclaims Jesus to him.

V 36–39: PROFESSION Having put his trust in Jesus Christ the Son of God as his Saviour, the Ethiopian eunuch goes down into the water where Philip baptises him. Coming up from the water, God’s Spirit takes Philip away and there is rejoicing over God’s salvation for the eunuch.

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=acts+8&version=NLT>

- 2) **Observation:** Read Acts 8:26-38. What things (people, “tools”, etc.) were used to bring the Ethiopian to salvation? (*For Leaders: See passage from Scripture and online Bible Panorama commentary above. Answer: Philip, an angel of the Lord, Scripture, and the Holy Spirit.*)

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- 3) **Application:** Briefly describe the circumstances surrounding your salvation story, or in other words, your testimony (When? Where? How? What was the situation? Why did you accept Jesus into your life?).
- 4) **Prayer:** Once again, guide your group in prayer to God for an opportunity to share their testimony with someone next week.