# **To Ethiopia & Beyond** PASTOR JONATHAN WILEY • ACTS 8:26-40

CAN I GET A WITNESS

#### WARM UP

Share a high and a low since the last time we met.

### **COMING UP**

# GRACEPOLARIS.ORG/CALENDAR

**Spring Work Day** Saturday, May 21 • 8:00 a.m. • Worship Center • We need your help to prepare for summer! Meet in the Resource Center for pastries before heading outside to spread mulch around the church campus. Come rain or shine and bring gloves, rakes, shovels, and wheelbarrows (if you have them). To RSVP by May 20, visit GracePolaris.org/WorkDay or text "Workday" to 614-888-7733.

**Vacation Bible School** June 20–24 • 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. • All kids entering Kindergarten–Grade 8 are invited to join us for an epic adventure! As we explore the colorful canyons and sunbaked trails of the southwest, we'll dig into God's great love and build a rock-solid faith. Through lessons, games, snacks, crafts, science experiments, and music, we will discover that God's love is monumental! To learn more and register, visit GracePolaris.org/VBS or text the word "VBS" to 614-888-7733.

**Local Witness Teams** Connect with believers who share similar interests, invest in others while utilizing your gifts, and build relationships with non-believers for the sake of the Gospel. Find more information and join a team at GracePolaris.org/LocalWitnessTeams.

## WITNESS

- Who are the people in your sphere of influence you're praying will come to know Jesus?
- Share any progress/updates. Pray together for God to use you and your Grace Group to influence these people for Jesus.

## EXPLORE

- 1 Read Acts 8:26–40. What is something from the sermon or the Scripture passage that resonates with you?
- 2 How do you see God at work in this passage? What do you think He is ultimately working to accomplish? What can we learn about His character and heart?
- 3 What do you find commendable about Philip in verses 26–30? What obstacles prevent followers of Jesus from similar commendable actions? How can you be more responsive to God's voice?
- 4 How would you describe the condition of the soil of the Ethiopian's heart as he encountered Philip? What is unique about the interaction between Philip and the Ethiopian that may not be typical in your interactions with unbelievers? What is the same?
- 5 How would you describe the heart condition of most of the unbelievers in your relational sphere? What deep questions do you think they might be wrestling with under the surface that could provide a passageway to their hearts and spiritual conversations?
- 6 What was Philip's focus (8:35)? Why is that so important? How can you grow in your confidence to speak of Jesus? What are some things that have helped you engage unbelievers spiritually?
- 7 In response to his new faith in Jesus, the Ethiopian was baptized and went on his way rejoicing (38,39). What is the significance of a person being baptized after they turn from their sin and trust Jesus as Savior? How does your life reflect the joy of Jesus?

## PRAY

Ask God to help you have eyes to see evangelistic opportunities around you and have courage to engage in spiritual conversations.

