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## Sermon Discussion Guide

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### Leader Preparation

1. Take some time to look over these questions ahead of time. Choose the ones that you want to make sure you cover with your group. We have highlighted what we think are **key ideas/questions by bolding them.**
2. Pray for your group and your time together as you prepare. This is so helpful!
3. When meeting online you as the leader will need to be more directive than in person. Don't be afraid to invite everyone to answer a question, invite them to share by name, and thank them when they finish. The online format requires a little more intentional orchestrating than an in-person group.
4. Try to start the gathering by getting everyone talking at least once to begin. The Hook section is great for this. When in doubt, have people share stories about their past. (How the week was, favorite memories about the topic for the day, etc). This is a great way to help your group continue to get to know one another.
5. Next, look at the Scripture and what it means. We believe Jesus is discipling people through this Word. Get people into the Scriptures and the Scriptures into people!
6. Finally, end with what God is saying to people and how God is inviting them to respond. These aren't just ideas to know but realities to live in!



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### Hook - Getting to know one another

1. Make a list of all the countries that people in your group have been to!
2. Ask if anyone has been on a missions' trip or out of the country and ask them to tell a story of that experience of a new culture or place.

### Book

1. Read Acts 8:26 - 40
2. List everything you know about Philip? (see Acts 6: 1 - 7; 8:4 - 8)
3. List everything you know about the Ethiopian Eunuch.
4. What instructions did God give Philip? What do you think Philip was thinking?
5. What were the first things that Philip and the Ethiopian said to one another?
6. How did Philip respond to each of the Ethiopian's questions?
7. What do you think was going through Philip's head as he, a Jewish follower of Jesus was explaining the Jewish Messiah to an Ethiopian court official?

### Look

1. What does this passage tell us about obedience to God's small nudges?
2. Have you ever followed a nudge from God that led to an important conversation?
3. What are examples you know of Christian's listening for the questions people are asking as opportunities for mission?
4. Have you ever known someone who "got in the chariot" with someone asking spiritual questions and taken the time to explain Jesus to them?
5. Jon Ville pointed out that God didn't send Philip to Ethiopia but brought Ethiopia to Philip. What are ways God brings the world to Bellingham today?

### Took

1. How are you already participating in Jesus' mission to all the world?



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- a. Countries you pray for? Missionaries you support? Ways you are engaged with immigrants here in Bellingham? Support Faith Promise? Other ways?
2. How do you feel led by God to further be a part of Jesus' mission to all the world?
  - a. Begin supporting Faith Promise?
  - b. Adopt a missionary as a small group?
  - c. Write a note to a missionary we support?
  - d. Support international student ministry here in Bellingham?
  - e. Other?

Time of Prayer