



Title | Baptismal Rendezvous
Series | THE CHURCH THAT CHANGED THE WORLD
Text | Acts 8:26-40
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Sermon Notes

Acts 8:26 Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place. **27** And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship **28** and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. **29** And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot." **30** So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" **31** And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. **32** Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth. **33** In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." **34** And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" **35** Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. **36** And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?" **[37]** **38** And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. **39** And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. **40** But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea. *ESV*

Big Idea:

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Acts 8:36

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For Reflection & Application:

Monday:

Read Acts 8:26-40. What does this account tell us about **who** is to be baptized? To what extent is this supported elsewhere in Scripture?

Tuesday:

Reread Acts 8:26-40. What does this account tell us about **how** to baptize? To what extent is this supported elsewhere in Scripture?

Wednesday:

Reread Acts 8:26-40. What does this account tell us about **why** a believer should be baptized? To what extent is this supported elsewhere in Scripture?

Thursday:

Read Matthew 28:18-20. Why do you think baptism is an important part of this Great Commission from Jesus?

Friday:

Have you been baptized as a believer? If not, why not? If so, what did that experience mean to you as you look back on it?

Daily Prayer:

Lord, thank you for giving us baptism as a way for believers to go public for you. I pray that many more would come to faith and baptism at Moon Valley. Amen.