

Meeting Jesus

ETHIOPIAN EUNUCH



Worship

Read Isaiah 53 aloud. Take a moment to reflect on God's Word and center in Him.

Fellowship

What are you an enthusiastic advocate for (e.g., person, hobby, cause)?

Discussion

1. Read Acts 8:25-40.

Compare God's role and Philip's role in this passage.

Where do you find yourself in this story?

2. Looking at verse 36, an Acts commentator notes,

"What prevents me?" is intentional phrasing, because, as a eunuch, he permanently was prevented both from the temple and from being a full proselyte according to the law of Moses, which he apparently knew well, and Jewish tradition. The formerly excluded is included...The eunuch has been transformed by a new vision of the people of God.¹

What might inclusion in the family of God have meant to this man?

What does inclusion mean to you?

Are there people frequently excluded in our society, who might want to hear this good news of inclusion through Christ?

Have you ever been baptized? Why or why not?

3. Do you believe that God wants to use you to draw people to Himself? Why or why not?

4. Paul says, “For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do” (Eph. 2:8-10).

How does this passage encourage you as you consider sharing your faith or other “good works”?

Is there a person in your life you’d like to help meet Jesus, or a spiritual conversation you can initiate this week?

Prayer

Spend some time in prayer for those who have not met Jesus yet. Pray for growing love and courage to share your faith.

1 Gerald L. Stevens, *Acts: A New Vision for the People of God* (Eugene: Pickwick, 2016), 242.