Small Group Questions

Week of Sunday, February 18th, 2024

Launch

Can you share an awkward or uncomfortable time when you went up to talk to a complete stranger? (Not including for things related to your job or theirs)

Observe

- 1. This man was making a long journey to where? What does this say about his religious devotion?
- 2. Read Deuteronomy 23:1. In what way were Eunuch's limited in their participation as citizens of Israel?
- 3. What other interesting details did you observe about either Philip or the Eunuch?

Discuss

- 4. Zak talked about how our problem in sharing the Gospel usually isn't clarity as to when, but simply an unwillingness to step into the discomfort. Do you agree? Has this ever been the case for you?
- 5. Where do you think most Christians would get tripped up if someone asked them to explain this passage in Isaiah?
- 6. Consider that the man Philip spoke to was both a Gentile, and a Eunuch. What does this exchange have to say about the inclusivity of the Gospel?
- 7. Who initiated the conversation about Baptism? What do you think some are hesitant about baptism? For those who are, what encouragement might be drawn from the Eunuch's eagerness?
- 8. Scholars have some disagreement as to whether Phillip was swept up immediately and transported by God or he simply was prompted by God to leave and obeyed. From your reading of the passage which one do you agree with and why?

Respond

- 9) If a stranger asked you "what is the Gospel?" (On a scale of 1-10) How comfortable/prepared would you be to respond? Why?
- 10) What is one area of understanding or preparedness you could grow in to feel more confident in talking about the Bible with others?
- 11) What other comments or thoughts have gone unspoken?