

# A Divine Appointment

## Acts 8:26-40

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Forging Forward

**Reflect**

Outline: Recap

**Realize**

Points to Ponder

**Respond**

Questions to draw out understanding.

### REFLECT

God works in mysterious ways. That is not only a pithy phrase. It is a biblical reality. We are continually reminded that God's thoughts are higher than our thoughts and that God's ways are better than our ways. Now imagine if you were Philip, the great evangelist of the early church, and the Spirit invited you to leave a revival in Samaria to head out on a desert road. Would you protest? Would you doubt it? Would you question God? This is exactly what we see in our study this weekend in the book of Acts. Prepare to be amazed!

### REALIZE

#### 1. The Spirit works in unique ways.

- **Scripture Reference;** Acts 8:26-40; 1 Corinthians 12:4-7
- **Questions for Reflection**
  - Where is the Spirit leading me?

#### 2. Jesus is the point of Scripture.

- **Scripture Reference;** Acts 8:26-40; Isaiah 53:7-8
- **Questions for Reflection**
  - How can I grow in my knowledge of God's Word?

#### 3. Take the step in front of you.

- **Scripture Reference;** Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 37:23-25
- **Questions for Reflection**
  - What is my next best step to take?

### Optional Follow-up Questions:

- What makes you say that?
- How do you feel about that?
- How would you explain your answer to a non-Christian friend or neighbor?
- Why did God design it to work that way? Why not just do (whatever else) instead?
- What would you say to someone who disagrees with that?
- Why do we really have to do it like that? Why can't we just go (some other route) instead?