



Message summary

- Philip was one of the seven chosen to support the apostles Acts 6:1-7. He was chosen because he was 'full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom' v3. Character before competence.
- After the stoning of Stephen the disciples were scattered and Philip ended up in Samaria where he proclaimed Jesus. Many were saved, healed and delivered from evil spirits Acts 8:4-8. Revival broke out!
- An angel of the Lord then appears to Philip and tells him to go south to the road – the desert road – that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza v26. Philip did what the angel told him to do. He was obedient to God. Discipleship at its best!
- As he went he encountered an Ethiopian high ranking official who was in charge of the treasury for the queen of the Ethiopians. He was reading Isaiah the prophet and Philip helped him to understand what he was reading and led him to a saving faith in Jesus. He also baptised him!
- Immediately after the baptism, the Holy Spirit took Philip away and the man didn't see him again but went on his way rejoicing! Philip was 'Gone with the wind (of the Holy Spirit)!' True salvation brings great joy and God can do the unexpected.
- Philip continues to preach the gospel wherever he went!

Going deeper

- Are you known to be someone who is full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom? If yes, why? If no, why not?
- When was the last time you heard God speak to you and what did he say?
- Are you being obedient to what He's said or are you finding reasons not to obey?
- Who are you reaching out to and where might your Samaria or desert road be?
- How open are you to embracing the 'new thing' that God is wanting to do in you as DCF is replanted to become Hope Church?
- True discipleship is costly. How willing are you to have your schedule interrupted? To step into God's unexpected plans? To experience a level of discomfort?
- When are you planning to take your time out with God on a prayer retreat?
Date..... Time.....

Reading plan

Acts 8