

WEEK 1

# DIGGING DEEPER

## THE MOVEMENT OF THE SPIRIT

One of the things that really stood out to me personally in the section of scripture this week (Acts 8:26-40) was the mention of the Desert. The desert, or wilderness (as it is also frequently translated), is something I have studied many times over the course of the last five years. It is a place in the Bible that is not always a physical desert or wilderness, but also a metaphorical desert or wilderness. A place of isolation, a place of change, a hard and harsh place. But the more we really dig in, these desert places are also the places that we often find God so close to us, speaking straight to our hearts. Check out the video and article I linked below to start learning more about desert/wilderness places.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bQXEyF5\\_5Ds](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bQXEyF5_5Ds)

<https://au.thegospelcoalition.org/article/trusting-god-in-the-wilderness-living-in-light-of-the-book-of-numbers/>

For me (Sam), knowing what the desert looks like and knowing how God works in it, means when I'm in a desert place, I can see it for what it is. It might be hard and isolating, but also God speaks to me there, he does not abandon me and will always, always lead me through it. In this I find hope.

*Questions to ponder:* Have you experienced desert places in your life? How might knowing more about desert places and how God works in them give us hope now and in the future?