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1. What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
2. What does this story teach me about myself?
3. Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
4. Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
5. How does this story help me to live on mission better?



Unit 31 • Session 4

THE CHURCH SPREAD OUT

Acts 8

WHY DID JESUS BECOME HUMAN? JESUS BECAME HUMAN TO OBEY HIS FATHER'S PLAN AND RESCUE SINNERS.

An angel of the Lord told Philip, a follower of Jesus, to go to a desert road between Jerusalem and Gaza. So Philip went.

On the road was a man from Ethiopia. The man had come to worship in Jerusalem. He sat in his chariot, reading aloud the words of the prophet Isaiah.

The Holy Spirit told Philip to go to the chariot. "Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked the man.

The official replied, "How can I, unless someone explains it to me?" The official was reading these words from Isaiah: "He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb is silent before its shearer, so He does not open His mouth. He was treated unfairly, and His life is taken away."

The official asked, "Was Isaiah talking about himself or someone else?" Isaiah was talking about the Messiah, so Philip began to tell the man the good news about Jesus.

As they traveled, they came to some water. "What would keep me from being baptized?" the official asked.

Then the official told the chariot to stop. He and Philip went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Holy Spirit took Philip away to another town, where he continued to travel and preach the gospel.

Christ Connection: The Holy Spirit led Philip to help the Ethiopian official understand the good news about Jesus: Jesus died on the cross for our sins and was raised from the dead, just like the Old Testament prophets said.

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