Sunday, March 19 "The Power of Small Conversations" Acts 8:26-40



Questions for Study and Group Discussion

- 1. Talk about a "small conversation" from your past that's made a lasting, positive difference in your life (maybe a comment or conversation with a teacher, a coach, a parent, etc.). Explain the situation and share the difference this made in your life.
- 2. Read Acts 8:26-40, then answer the following questions.
 - How might this conversation feel "small" to Philip? (Compare with Acts 8:4-8.)
 - How does God use this one-on-one conversation between Philip and the eunuch in BIG ways?
 - List the ways God is actively involved in this conversation between Philip and the eunuch. How does this awareness of God's activity impact the way you think about small conversations you can have?
- 3. From what you've seen in Acts 8:26-40, why are "small conversations" so important as we help people find Jesus?
- 4. How can the importance of small conversations help you be more intentional in the way you talk to others?
- 5. In Acts 8:26-40, we saw Philip look for opportunity as he talked with the Ethiopian eunuch he asked questions, and found out ways God had already been working in the eunuch's life. What might it look like to "look for opportunities" ways God has already been working in your conversations and relationships? Get practical in the responses you share.
- 6. Think about existing relationships in your life. Where might "opportunity" already be presenting itself? What will you do to lean into this opportunity to talk with someone about Jesus?
- 7. Challenge: Memorize Colossians 4:5-6: 5 Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. 6 Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.
- 8. **Baptism: If you've not been baptized as a follower of Jesus already, let's learn from the Ethiopian eunuch and make his question our own "What can stand in the way of my being baptized?" Here's what you can do to follow Jesus in obedience and get baptized at Brookside:
 - Go online to the baptism page at www.brookside.net.
 - Watch the short "What is Baptism?" video.
 - Then, fill out the "Yes, I'm interested in baptism!" form you'll see there.

That will get things moving and we'll be in touch from there!