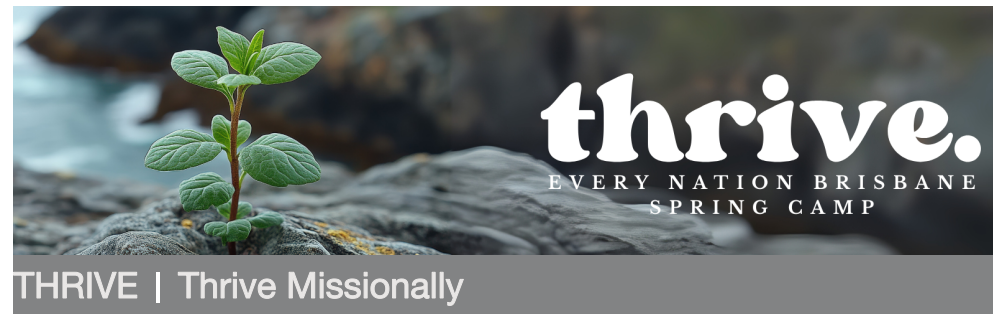


NOTES



PRAYER

Lord, thank You for sending us Your Spirit and empowering us to be Your witnesses. As we look into Your Word, open our eyes to see opportunities to share Your love, strengthen our faith, and lead us to thrive missionally in every season of life. In Jesus' name, amen.

OPENING QUESTION (OPTIONAL)

What's the most surprising or unexpected place you've had a meaningful conversation with someone about faith, life, or God?

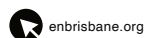


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REFLECTION

- Scattered but sent (vv. 4–8): Even in disruption, the early church saw mission as opportunity, not obstacle. Thriving missionally is not about waiting for perfect conditions—it's about obedience in whatever season you're in.
- Obedience in the desert (vv. 26–29): Philip responds to God's Spirit, even in an unlikely place. The Spirit fuels mission through promptings and faith steps.
- Witness through Word and presence (vv. 30–35): Philip begins with Scripture and explains Christ. Thriving missionally means knowing the Word and being ready to share the hope of Jesus in ways people can grasp.
- Immediate fruit (vv. 36–39): The eunuch responds in faith and is baptized. Thriving missionally brings joy and transformation—both for the witness and the one reached.
- Empowered for ongoing mission (v. 40): The Spirit doesn't stop with one encounter. Thriving missionally means living as a continual witness, open to wherever God sends.

APPLICATION

- Personal: Ask God this week to make you sensitive to one “chariot moment”—an opportunity to start a conversation about faith. Who is he leading you to? What is he leading you to do?
- Community: Pray as a LIFE GROUP for your neighbourhood, campus, or workplace, asking God to open doors for mission.
- Global: Remember that God's mission is for all nations, just as He reached the Ethiopian official. Pray for Every Nation churches worldwide to thrive missionally.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Philip preached the gospel “wherever they were scattered.” How can we see our daily places (work, school, neighborhood, online spaces) as mission fields?
2. The Spirit told Philip to “go over and join this chariot.” What helps us tune our ears to the Spirit's promptings in everyday life?
3. The Ethiopian eunuch was already spiritually curious, reading Scripture. Who in your life might already be seeking, but needs someone to walk alongside them?
4. The eunuch's response was immediate faith and baptism. How does this encourage us to be bold in giving people opportunities to respond to Christ?

OPTIONAL LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS BASEED ON OTHER ENB CAMP “THRIVE” SESSION:

- **Thriving Spiritually:** How does loving God with everything fuel our mission?
- **Thriving Relationally:** How can healthy relationships be a witness to others?
- **Thriving Emotionally:** How does emotional wholeness strengthen us to engage others missionally?

WORD

- 4 Now those who were scattered went about preaching the word.
- 5 Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed to them the Christ.
- 6 And the crowds with one accord paid attention to what was being said by Philip, when they heard him and saw the signs that he did.
- 7 For unclean spirits, crying out with a loud voice, came out of many who had them, and many who were paralyzed or lame were healed.
- 8 So there was much joy in that city.

26 Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is a desert place. 27 And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship 28 and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. 29 And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.” 30 So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” 31 And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. 32 Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this: “Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth. 33 In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.” 34 And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” 35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. 36 And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?” 38 And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. 39 And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. 40 But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Acts 8:4–8, 26–40 (ESV)

CLOSING PRAYER

Father, thank You for empowering us by Your Spirit to be Your witnesses. Help us to obey like Philip, to listen to Your voice, and to share Your Word with boldness. May we thrive missionally in every place You send us, and may many come to know Jesus through our witness. In His mighty name we pray, amen.