



Week of February 17, 2019

# growth groups

**ACTS 8:26-40 – IMPACT IMMINENT**

## ***Gospel on the Gaza Road***

*“...always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect...”*

*1 Peter 3:15*

### **Warming Up**

1. What subjects do you find it easiest to talk about with ...
  - Friends
  - Acquaintances
  - Strangers
2. Read through Acts 8:26-40
3. Read the last question on the handout

### **Digging In**

1. What catches your attention in these verses?
2. How did Phillip start the conversation? Is this approach found elsewhere in the NT? Is this an approach you have or can use? Discuss a few good ones and when you might use them.

3. Philip told him the good news about Jesus beginning with Isaiah 53:7-8. Suppose you were Philip.
  - a. How does Jesus fit the picture of this Isaiah passage?
  - b. What is the “good news about Jesus” that you would share with a stranger or a friend from this Isaiah passage?
  - c. What other Bible stories or passages would you use to tell a person the good news about Jesus?
4.
  - a. How did God pave the way for this interaction?
  - b. What is the relationship between divine preparation and human initiative?
  - c. How does this free you from fear of sharing the gospel?

### **Thinking Harder**

1. What is your “go-to” evangelism technique / tool / story / approach?
2. Can you tell the group of a time you used it?

*Last question on the page: as an alternative, ignore all these questions and share stories in your group’s lives of salvation experiences; yours or those you’ve been involved in and the answer to digging in question 2 is, “a question.”*