



# DISCUSSION GUIDE

THIS WEEK: Philippians 8:26-40

The Role of the Spirit in hearing from Jesus

## GETTING STARTED

What is one thing you are thankful for this week and what is one thing we can pray for you this week?

Remind each other of our simple expectations for meeting together

*Who is one of the best teachers you ever had? Why? What set them apart from others?*

## QUICK REACTIONS FROM THE MESSAGE

How would you summarize/paraphrase the message in your own words?

What point/idea resonated most with you? Why?

What do you wish Dave expanded more on, or feel he left out?

How did Dave help expand or reaffirm your view of the Holy Spirit and the Trinity?

How does considering that the whole blessed Trinity is “shy”, (not timid, but seeks to illuminate and shine the spotlight on the other) help us to be more discerning as to whether what we hear from God is consistent with His character?

Why is pride rooted in self-promotion a threat to us hearing from Jesus? Why does God oppose the proud, but gives grace to the humble? James 4:6

In what way have you seen pride plug up our ears to God?

## EXPLORE THE PASSAGE [Philippians 8:26-40]

(Yes, these questions can seem silly, however, good discussion and interpretation of the Bible begins with having a proper understanding of the basic facts; who, what, when, and where in the text.) Work through this quickly, the answers are fairly obvious.

What did the angel tell Philip to do? (8:26)

Whom did Philip meet on the desert road? (8:27)

What was the eunuch's position? (8:27)

Why was the eunuch on his way to Jerusalem to worship? (8:27)

What was the eunuch doing while he sat in the chariot? (8:28)

What was the eunuch's problem? (8:28-34)

What did the Holy Spirit tell Philip to do? (8:29)

What did Philip ask the eunuch? (8:30)

How did the eunuch respond to Philip? (8:31)

What was the eunuch reading? (8:32-33)

How did Philip present the good news about Jesus? (8:35)

What did the eunuch do after he believed in Jesus? (8:36-38)

What happened to Philip after he baptized the eunuch? (8:39)

How did believing in Christ affect the eunuch? (8:39)

What was the eunuch's attitude as he went on his way? (8:39)

Where did Philip go to preach? (8:40)

## QUESTIONS THAT HELP US UNDERSTAND THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE TEXT

In what ways have you typically imagined the Spirit spoke to people like Philip in the NT?

How does the Holy Spirit speak to us?

In what way is obedience related to hearing from the Spirit?

How does God use us to take the message of Christ to others?

How may we at times think a nudge from the Spirit may just be something like “coincidences”?

How can you be involved in telling others about Christ or in helping others do so?

What fears prevent us from taking action on what we may be hearing from God?

What barriers prevent us from helping others understand the message of Christ?

## APPLY THE PASSAGE

What do we learn about God and about ourselves in this passage?

What may God be asking you to change, do differently, repent of, pray about as a result of engaging with this passage?

How can we pray for each other?