

## LOOK, THERE'S WATER! | 9-11-16

### REFLECT & DISCUSS

Spiritual growth is measured by taking next steps of new life. God is constantly pursuing us in order to help us take our next step but He waits for us to respond to His pursuit. Think of a time you pursued someone. This could be a friendship, a romantic relationship, or a family member. When you pursued them, what was their response? How does it feel when people don't respond the way we hoped they would? How does it feel when they do respond the way we hoped they would?

### READ: *Acts 8:26-29*

If you were Philip receiving this strange command from an angel to go south down a random desert road, would you feel excited or nervous? Why? What did the Holy Spirit tell Philip to do? Once again, how would you feel if you were asked to do this? How many opportunities like this do we miss because they are uncomfortable? What do we miss out on if we don't respond to the Holy Spirit's instructions to us?

### READ: *Acts 8:30-35*

What does Philip's pace tell you about his response to the Holy Spirit? Based on this Scripture, how is God already at work in the Eunuch's life? How does Philip help the Eunuch take his next step of new life? How can we come alongside others to help them experience new life?

### READ: *Acts 8:36-38*

After the Eunuch hears about Jesus and baptism, he sees water and says, "Look, there's some water! Why can't I be baptized?" What do you notice about his desire to take his next step? What does he experience because of it? What adventure does Philip get to be a part of because of his response to the Holy Spirit? How would you like to grow in the way you respond to the Holy Spirit?

### CHALLENGE

Listen for the Holy Spirit's direction this week. What is He instructing you to say or do? How is He asking you to help someone take their next step? Respond to what He is asking you to do.

### PRAYER

"Holy Spirit, thank you for always inviting me to take a next step. Please give me the courage to listen to your voice and respond in obedience so I can go on the adventure of leading others into new life!"

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