



*Acts 8:26-40*

*Hometown Community Church*

*Oct. 30, 2022*

# Ukraine



# *“Framing the Passage”*

- What happened in Acts chapters 1-7
  - All good!
- Acts 8:1-25
  - Death, persecution, despair- vs. 1-3
  - Preaching the Gospel in spite of persecution!
  - Vs. 4

# *The Ethiopian Eunuch*

- Ethiopian- vs. 27- Africa- not Jewish, different race, culture, nationality from Philip
- Eunuch- vs. 27 an official
- *Vs. 27-Important* official of the Treasury!
- Gone to Jerusalem to worship! 2400K Miles!  
Vs. 27- couldn't get in!
- Reading Isaiah vs. 28

# *The Ethiopian Eunuch*

- Asked phil to explain vs. 31
- Asked question about the text vs 34
- Wanted to be baptized- (“who can prevent me”? Deut 23:1) and was vs 36-38
- Went on his way rejoicing- so happy that he didn't care about Philip. 39

# *Ethiopia to Jerusalem*

*2400 Miles! (almost New York to LA)*



# *Philip*

- He was immediately obedient even to a strange request to leave a revival he was leading and go to a far-away hot desert place
  - repetition of Desert road vs. 26
  - Spirit said “go” - he went vs. 27; Spirit said “go” - he RAN! 30

# Philip

- He was in good shape 😊
- He was not afraid to initiate a conversation about God vs. 30
- He asked good questions vs, 30
- He knew his Bible basics vs. 35 (Isaiah 53!-Gospel in OT We like sheep gone astray, Lord laid on him the iniquity of us all!



# *Philip*

- He was not afraid to break cultural conventions to preach the Gospel and bring someone into the kingdom. Ethiopian, not Jewish! Eunuch Is 56:3 implies that in the coming Kingdom Eunuchs and foreigners would be welcome and blessed. Phil believed that so he was happy to baptize the Eunuch.
- He could cross cultures
- He was open to whatever the spirit would do with him vs. 40

*Put it Together!*



# *Marina and her small group*

## *Bible study*

