



# LIFE GROUPS

DISCIPLESHIP • COMMUNITY • OUTREACH

FELLOWSHIP ●

BIBLE STUDY ●

PRAYER

Week of October 18, 2026

Sermon: ***The Empty Chair — The Invitation***  
Text: Acts 8:26–40

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## 1 – Pray Together [the first and most important priority]

*"If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here."* — Exodus 33:15

Take time to share needs and pray for one another before moving into the discussion.

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God led Philip to a desert road where he encountered a man searching for answers. Philip listened to the Holy Spirit, recognized an opportunity, and accepted an invitation to share the good news of Jesus. Sometimes the most meaningful encounters begin with something as simple as listening, showing hospitality, or extending an invitation. We don't have to have all the answers. We simply need to be available and willing to follow God's leading.

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## 2 – Open/Check-In

Can you remember a time when someone's invitation helped you feel welcomed or included?

## 3 – The Word / Acts 8:26–40

What stands out to you in these passages?

## 4 – Reflect

What can we learn from the way Philip listened to the Holy Spirit and responded to the Ethiopian man's needs?

Why do we sometimes hesitate to invite others into our lives, our church, or a conversation about Jesus?

## 5 – Respond (Spiritual Formation/Growth)

Who has God placed in your life who might be longing for friendship, belonging, or an opportunity to know Jesus?

What is one simple invitation you could extend this week—coffee, a meal, a conversation, or an invitation to church?

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Ask the Holy Spirit to open your eyes and pray for opportunities to extend genuine friendship, hospitality, and an invitation to know Jesus.