#### **Community Group Leaders Guide**

# Acts 8:26-40 /// Week of February 26

Today's big idea: Personal and corporate revival starts with submission to God's Holy Spirit.

- Talk about some of the biggest "restarts" you have had in your life. This could be a work transition, marriage, divorce, kids moving out, death of a loved one, etc.
- Review the Community Group Guidelines together.
- Someone pray that God would help us hear from him.

#### Head

- Use the Bible Storytelling technique to tell the story of Philip and the Ethiopian eunuch.
- Retell the story together as a group.
- Read the story from Acts 8:26-40 in the Bible.
- What was Philip's part in this life change? Submission to God, explaining the Bible
- What was the Ethiopian eunuch's part in this life change? **Open to learn, take action**
- What was God's part in this life change? Speak to Philip, send Jesus, love eunuch

#### Heart

The stories here don't need to be about baptism. It could be any step of faith they took or helped someone else to take.

- Talk about a time when, like the Ethiopian eunuch, you may have encountered God in such a way that you felt compelled to take a step of faith.
- Talk about a time when, like Philip, you may have helped someone else take a step of faith.
- [Similar to the Ethiopian eunuch] Do you feel like you need a revival in your life. Why or why not?

#### Hands

When the Ethiopian eunuch asked Philip, "What is keeping me from being baptized?" the implication was NOW. You may need to help your group members push past the structure of the group to submit to God's Holy Spirit NOW.

- In light of this story and this discussion, what is God challenging you to do next?
- What is keeping you from taking this step this week or even right now?
- Close in prayer for one another and for submission to God's Holy Spirit.

WeServe Month will be here in March! What ideas do you have for a service project individually, as a family, or as a community group that you would like to lead?

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# Community Group Covenants - hfcog.org

# **Community Group Member Covenant**

- I will make attendance a priority in my schedule and involvement a priority in my participation.
- I will build trust by holding in confidence those things shared in the Community Group.
- I will engage with a disciple maker—someone that will help me grow as a disciple of Jesus and teach me how to be a disciple maker as well.

# **Community Group Apprentice Covenant**

- I will pray for the Community Group Members daily.
- I will accept the responsibility to invite and welcome others into the Community Group.
- I will relationally disciple someone in the Community Group beyond group meetings focusing on their personal relation-ship with Jesus, and others they are discipling.
- I will seek to multiply the Community Group and not just grow the group.
- I will talk with my Community Group Leader each week and meet monthly beyond group meetings.

#### **Community Group Leader Covenant**

- I will pray for the Community Group Members daily.
- I will accept the responsibility to invite and welcome others into the Community Group.
- I will relationally disciple someone in or out of the Community Group.
- I will relationally disciple an apprentice focusing on their personal relationship with Jesus, leadership skills they are developing in the group meeting and others they are discipling.
- I will seek to multiply the Community Group and not just grow the group.
- I will talk with my Community Group Coach each week and meet monthly.

### **Community Group Coach Covenant**

- I will pray for my assigned Community Group Leaders daily.
- I will relationally disciple someone.
- I will call my assigned Community Group Leaders each week focusing on their personal relationship with Jesus, process group time and their progress with their apprentice.
- I will meet with my assigned Community Group Leaders each month.
- I will talk with my Community Group Pastor every other week and meet together each month.