

**Sermon Notes**  
**March 11, 2018**

**“Divine Appointments”**  
**Acts 8:26-40**  
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Get a mental profile of Philip (see also Acts 6:3-6, 8:4-8), the Ethiopian, and the situation in which they meet.

Note the significance of Philip’s listening to God and to the Ethiopian.

- What are a few ways in which listening is at least as important as speaking when it comes to sharing the Good News of Jesus?

The questions and longings of people around us are seldom as clearly and directly related to “the Good News about Jesus” (verse 35) as the Ethiopian’s question based on the prophesy of Isaiah 53. But consider people you know who are:

- anxious about the future.
- Searching for hope in the face of suffering or death.
- Unfulfilled in a career or a relationship.
- Looking for someone to praise for the beauty they see all around them.

Can you think of ways “the Good News of Jesus” applies to some of these situations?