



## May 30, 2010 Message Reason for Hope: Character of God (Acts)

### READ

Acts 8:26-40

### REFLECT

What do you perceive are some differences between the God we see in the Old Testament and God in the New Testament?

How might this conversation be helpful to us in responding to questions of apparent inconsistencies between the God of the Old Testament and the New?

What are three things you notice that Phillip did in his interaction with the eunuch that can be instructive for us?

Have you ever had a prompting from the Holy Spirit to do something or speak to someone? What made you think it was from God? Did you respond?

*"Jesus is our key to understanding our own Bibles. His life and teachings as recorded in the Gospels show us our most clear picture of God's heart. We then attempt to understand the rest of Scripture in light of what is clear in Christ. Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus" (Greg Boyd).* How do you feel about this statement?

Read the following Scriptures and journal your thoughts or talk with your small group about what you find:

Hebrews 1:1-3

John 1:17, 18

Matthew 5:38-39, 44-45

Luke 9:54, 55

Galatians 3:10, 23-25

### LIVE

Look back at the things you noticed that Phillip did. Which of them might you pray about or commit to this week?

This year, our CPC community is focusing on knowing Jesus through the writings of Luke. We've developed this devotional tool to help you or your small group take the message beyond the weekend and into life. We offer three sections to help you engage with the text:

**1. Read.** Be still and read the text. Listen for words and phrases that you resist and words that reassure you.

**2. Reflect.** Let these questions and suggestions guide you as you engage with the reading a second time.

**3. Live.** We believe that God primarily uses relationships, experiences, and spiritual practices in our lives to make us more like Jesus. Here we offer suggestions for you to apply what you've read in this passage.