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# HOPE FOR THE WORLD

Week 11 | Acts 8:26-38 | Led By God



## SMALL IS BIG

PHILIP'S ONE ON ONE DIVINE APPOINTMENT CHANGED A CONTINENT

Have you ever tried to catch a monkey before? Well, next time you do try this. Cut a hole in a coconut big enough for the monkey to fit his hand into. Drain the coconut milk and place a nut or a piece of fruit in the empty coconut and wait. When the monkey reaches his hand into the coconut and grabs the fruit or nut his hand becomes a fist and is now too big to exit the hole. The monkey wants the prize so badly he will refuse to let it go and there you have him. He can't run or climb a tree while he's connected to the coconut. If only the monkey were wise enough to let the measly little prize go, he would be free.

Leaders: Take your group through each section: Pray, Reflect, and Reach. Keep in mind the time allowances. In the Reflect section, feel free to focus on several of these questions instead of all as time allows.

Sometimes we are like that monkey, holding onto something that we think is a great prize. Little do we know that our unwillingness to let it go is holding us back from God's best for our lives. If you're going to be led by God, then you need to hold on to things loosely. Sometimes God will call you to let something go so that He can bring His next beautiful blessing into your life.



## WATCH

Play the video prepared for this lesson by Pastor Derek. Video sessions are available for download at [cclasvegas.org/GROUPS](http://cclasvegas.org/GROUPS)



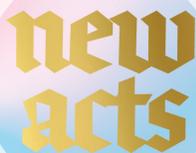
## PRAY (10 min)

As a Home Group, take a few moments to share about significant moments when God has faithfully led you.

(10 min)

How did you pursue God's revival last week?

**How did God move in and through your life as you sought His revival?**





## REFLECT (25 min)

As you've had the opportunity to reflect on what God has spoken to you through the lesson this week, consider these questions as a group and discuss them together.

1. Pastor Derek mentioned 3 reasons why we have a hard time hearing from God and being led by Him. What were those 3 reasons? Which one was especially convicting to you? What changes can you make so that you can hear God and be led by Him?

***Many Christians aren't being led by God because they're not listening to Him.***

***The LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; 12 and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice.***

1 Kings 19:11

2. Sometimes we hinder the leading of God in our lives because there's something we are unwilling to let go of. Is there something that you've been holding onto that's been holding you back from God's best? What is it? What are you going to do about it? How can you encourage each other as a home group in this area?

3. Philip was surveying his circumstances in order to see what it was that God was doing. Do you daily live your life seeking to see what open doors for the gospel God is setting before you? How can you be more intentional this week to do that?

***See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it.***

Revelation 3:8

4. To really experience being led by God you have to choose to never underestimate His will. God can work in the big things and the small things. Give some Biblical examples of people who were asked to leave comfort, success, and safety to venture out by faith into the unknown. What do you learn from these examples?

***Don't underestimate the value of what God can do with the small things.***



## REACH (5 min)

Considering what God revealed to you this week, make a sincere effort to position yourself to be able to hear God and to be led by Him. As God leads you, even in the simplest ways, trust Him and walk by faith.

***Next week we will be anxiously waiting to hear what how God led you and how He worked through you as you walked by faith.***