**Divine Appointments**

**Sermon Based Discussion (May 22, 2016)**

**Church Wide Sermon**

**WARM UP**

1. If you are a Christian, share the circumstances about how you became a Christian citing key people or events.

If you are not a Christian, share the circumstances about how you came to be introduced to BCEC.

As we reflect on how we were introduced to Christ, we may wonder if it was by chance or God acting. This may affect how we see opportunities to share the Gospel with others.

**INTO THE BIBLE (Read Acts 8:26-30)**

1. From Acts 6:1-7 and Acts 8:4-8, what was Philip’s background?
2. Compare and contrast the ministry Philip had in Samaria and in Gaza?
3. How was Philip guided and how did he respond? Does the Spirit guide people today? If so, how?

1. How did God prepare the Ethiopian eunuch to hear the Gospel message from Philip?

**UNDERSTANDING**

1. How does Isaiah 53:7-8 and its context, 53:1-6, point to Christ?
2. What does this passage teach us about baptism?
3. What were the key factors in the Ethiopian eunuch coming to faith in Christ?

**DIFFERENCE**

1. How was Philip affected by the persecution of Christian including the stoning of Stephen?

**APPLICATION**

**10.** 1 Peter 3:15 says “but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you;” Philip was prepared. Where do you need more preparation and how will you get it?