

Brave

Week 1 | Nudges

■ BOTTOM LINE

"Nudges" are a big part of God's plan for the world. If you receive a nudge from God, great things are to follow.

■ GOAL OF THE GROUP

To help us each discover what God is calling us to do to share His love with everyone around us. God uses these moments to advance His mission and purpose in the world. The question is, are we brave enough to respond when God gives us a nudge?

■ SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 2:10 and Acts 8:26-40

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Share:** Have you ever just gotten a strong feeling, a nudge, or an impression that you should do something? Perhaps it was to be generous to someone in need or speak a kind word to a stranger. Share what comes to mind.
- It's one thing to get "a nudge" born out of kindness and good will because it makes perfect sense. But it's another thing to get a nudge that doesn't make any sense at all. For example, "I don't know why but I felt like God wanted me to start up a conversation with this person and then I found out why later." Sometimes people find out right away, sometimes it's down the road, or they may never find out.
 - Read Ephesians 2:10.** If a nudge comes from God, can we be confident that great things are to follow? Why or why not?
 - When God gives us nudges, they sometimes require us to step out of our comfort zone. How does the temptation to live in the familiar impact this?
 - Besides courage what is required to be brave and step into a nudge with an unknown conclusion?
- Read Acts 8:26-40 and Discuss.**
 - The nudge Philip received in this scripture was a big one. What could have happened if he didn't go?
 - The Ethiopian eunuch in the chariot was a man of incredible power to the queen. What do you think Philip must have thought about what God was asking him to do?
 - Can you think of a time when God nudged you to do something that felt intimidating? What did you do?
 - Do you find it difficult to act on something when you cannot see the big picture? Why?
 - "Please tell me" in verse 34 means God was working in the heart of this Ethiopian man long before Phillip came on the scene. God had a prepared work and He knew it long before Phillip did. If we say no to a nudge, do you think we could pass by things God prepared for us in advance?
- When we are connected and pursuing God (we should not always be ones that have to be pursued BY God), we won't miss the Holy Spirit leading in our lives. How can we be close enough in our walk with Christ to hear Him clearly and know what He wants us to do?

It's always for God's GLORY, and
it's always for our BENEFIT!

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TRY THIS

EVERY time a nudge comes from God – GREAT THINGS are in store.

We will NEVER know – until we GO.

What is God asking you to do? How is he asking you to be BRAVE and step out of your comfort zone?