

## Next Steps

“**Next Steps**” are ideas and opportunities to help you go deeper in your faith. They are different each week and linked to Sunday's message. Below you'll find scriptures to read, questions for reflection, practices to try and opportunities to take action, all to help you become more like Jesus in your relationships with God, the Church, and the world.

### July 24, 2022 – Make Waves – Reborn Through The Water

What “God moments” have you had recently?

When has something happened to you that can only be explained by the power of God?

Read the story of Philip and the Ethiopian: **Acts 8:26-39**

- When have you felt like an outsider among God's people?

The road to Gaza was a dry and deserted road.

- In what ways are you feeling spiritually dry and isolated? How does this story bring you hope?

Following God's direction, Philip drew near to the Ethiopian and then reached out to teach and encourage him.

- Who might be the “Philip” in your life today?
- How can you be the “Philip” in someone else's life?

The Ethiopian immediately asked to be baptized.

- What are the things that hold you back from committing yourself fully to God?

For further reflection:

Read **Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12**

Identify all the ways this passage was fulfilled in Jesus?

(This is the first time that the early church saw Jesus as the fulfillment of the suffering servant in Isaiah.)

How does this story fulfill part of the promise Jesus made before He ascended into heaven?

Read **Acts 1:6-11**

How does this story parallel the resurrection story of Jesus on the road to Emmaus? Read **Luke 24:13-35**

Why might this be significant for us today?

- Is there anything in your life that needs to be pruned? If so, what can you do about it?

Consider taking the Spiritual Health Assessment at [bellefontefait.com/3r](http://bellefontefait.com/3r) to better understand where God might want you to grow.