

## The Value of a Guided Tour

### Scripture Reading — Acts 8:26-40

*"Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked. — Acts 8:30*

My wife and I sometimes wander through the Vancouver Art Gallery admiring the special art collections on display. I have discovered that a gallery visit is greatly enriched when we join a guided tour. I learn things about the artists and the paintings that I would have missed on my own. Wandering through the Bible can be a little like that.

Perhaps you are like the Ethiopian official we read about today. You may describe yourself as a spiritual person, and you may be wondering which religion is best. Maybe you're exploring Christianity and have begun reading parts of the Bible--along with these devotions, for example. But, like the Ethiopian, you may find that some things you read are confusing or hard to understand. There seems to be a continuous story, but you aren't sure how to connect the dots.

The journey you are on is a very important one. It will lead you to see yourself as God sees you, a person who is deeply loved and valued by God. Jesus is the glue that holds the whole story together.

But you may do well to invite a "Philip" into your life. Check out a church and start asking questions. Get into a small group that studies the Bible and cares about you as a person. Experience the reality of Christian community. It will change your life.

### Prayer

*Lord, I feel like I'm on a spiritual journey, and I'm discovering that it would be helpful to have some guidance along the way. Please send me mentors who can help. In Jesus, Amen.*

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