

Counter Cultural
Acts 8:26-40
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World-view: the mindset and culture a person uses to interpret the world around them and to use as a guide to discover and obtain that which will provide purpose and satisfaction. A person's world-view and cultural perspective can be obtained by how one answers the following four questions: 1) how did we get here; 2) what went wrong; 3) how do we fix it; and 4) what does it all matter?

Basic Types of Cultural World-views:

	<i>How did we get here?</i>	<i>What went wrong?</i>	<i>How do we fix it?</i>	<i>Why does it all matter?</i>
Christian	God created	Sin	Faith in Jesus	Glory of God
Modern	Evolution	Religion	Science	Truth/Morality
Post-Christian/ Post-Modern	Whatever you want to believe	Absolute Truth	Relativism & Toleration	Unity & Cooperation

Counter Cultural Responses

1. _____

²⁶ Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place. ²⁷ And he rose and went. **Acts 8:26-27a**

Personal Question: _____

2. _____

²⁷ ...And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸ and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. **Acts 8:27b-28**

Personal Question: _____

3. _____

²⁹ And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot." ³⁰ So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹ And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³² Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter
and like a lamb before its shearer is silent,
so he opens not his mouth.

³³ In his humiliation justice was denied him.
Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth."

³⁴ And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵ Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. **Acts 8:29-35**

Personal Question: _____

4. _____

³⁶ And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?" ³⁸ And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. ³⁹ And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. **Acts 8:36-39**

Personal Question: _____

5. _____

⁴⁰ But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea. **Acts 8:40**

Personal Question: _____

Practical Application:

1. _____

2. _____