

## **The Wild Goose Chase**

### **Week 1- May 3**

#### **Questions for this week:**

1. If you had to describe how the Holy Spirit guides us, what would you say? How can we discern whether a prompting is from God or not?
2. Jon described listening to the Holy Spirit's prompting as "following the hunch". Do you usually follow the hunch—or not? What are some of the things that keep you from doing what you think God is telling you to do?
3. Read the story of Philip in Acts 8:26-38. What do you notice about this story? Anything stand out to you? What do you think some of the challenges might have been for Philip in following the Holy Spirit's prompting?
4. Look at Acts 8:29-30. What do you learn about Philip's responsiveness to God in these verses? Do you respond that way to God's leading? Why/Why not?
5. Look at the story of Paul's shipwreck in Acts 27:27-28:10. Has God ever used a shipwreck in your life to lead you somewhere He wanted you to go?
6. In this story, Paul also gets bitten by a snake—but it ultimately leads to healing for others. Has God ever used a wound (or painful experience) in your life to bring healing to someone else? Have you ever been a "wounded healer"?
7. What are some of the ways you've experienced God's leading in your life? Has it been through circumstances? Other people? Reading God's word? Being exposed to a need? A personal conviction in your heart?
8. Look at Galatians 5:16-26. What do you think it means to "live by the Spirit?" What does that look like in your life?
9. As you look at the fruits of the Spirit (v.22-23), which one is your biggest challenge to live out? How can the group pray for you?