



Main point: We must listen, discern and go.
Key question: How can we be Spirit-led for mission?
Key verse: Acts 8:26-40

Introduction

- Have you ever had an inner nudge to do something but resisted it? Then, later, you found out why you should have done it?
- Today we are talking about being a Spirit-led individual and a Spirit-led church.
- As followers of Jesus, being a Spirit-led person is a vital dimension of our lives.

Teachings from the verse

1. God is on his mission
 - God was on the move. He saw the man in the chariot and reached out to him.
 - God is very active in this world. God is on his saving mission.
2. The Spirit will lead
 - The Spirit gave Philip clear instructions about what to do and where to go.
 - He did it for Philip, and he did it for others too.
3. When God's servants go, God uses them
 - Philip taught the Ethiopian man about Jesus, which led to him being baptised.
 - When we follow the Spirit, God will use us.

Call to action: How can we be Spirit-led people? How can we be a Spirit-led church?
We must listen, discern and go.

1. Listen

- How may we listen as a church? By keeping an open mind, being flexible, praying, and trying new things.
- How may we listen as individuals? By connecting with God regularly and giving him the time and space to speak to us.





2. Discern

- Now, we need to discern the voice of God. That is, be sure it is the Spirit leading.
- We can do this by not overthinking things, and asking ourselves if this sounds like the kind of thing Jesus wants to do.

3. Go

- There are things God wants to do for the people around you. There are people in the community of our church whom he wants to reach.
- He will send you. He will lead our church. But we must go.

Conclusion

1. What is the Spirit saying to you? Where is he leading you?
2. What is the Spirit saying to our church?

