Welcome to Church!

We are glad you chose to join us today to worship our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We hope that your stay will be both meaningful and memorable.

We are a church that seeks to bring glory to God, to build the local church through discipleship and to fulfill the Great Commission.

Here are some activities going on with us!

Hermeneutics Session 4

Hermeneutics Session 4 resumes on **November 22, 2026** at 7PM.

Leaders Strategic Planning

This year's strategic planning is on **November 30-December 2, 2026.** It will be held at the Northgate Center, 10AM-9PM.

Reminding all ministry heads and small group leaders/co-leaders to confirm their attendance. Please let us know also if your core leaders and/or co-facilitators will be joining.

How can we *pray* for you?

Inviting you to join our **Prayer Meeting, Tuesdays** at **7PM**. You may **send your prayer requests** and **praise reports** by text (0912 130 6148), by writing them on the prayer cards provided, or by sending us a private message on our Facebook page.

Discover life with our *Small Groups*.

Looking for **deeper connections** and a **closer walk with God**? Our small groups are where we cultivate meaningful relationships and grow in faith together. Want to join? Visit our Information Booth after the service to find the perfect group for you!

Stay for *fellowship* and *refreshments*.

Stick around after the service for **coffee** and **connection**! It's the perfect chance to meet some friendly faces, learn more about our small groups, our ministries, and discover all that our church has to offer. We'd love to see you there!

Schedules for Services:

English Service:

Morning	10:00 AM
Afternoon	01:00 PM

Cebuano Service:

Afternoon	04:00 PM

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What Prevents Me?

ACTS 8:26-40

Unstoppable: A Sermon Series Through the Book of Acts
Part 3: Walls Come Down

November 15, 2026 | Ptr. Nic Sy

SERMON NOTES

I. TOO FAR TO REACH (Acts 8:26–30a)

What looks empty to us is never empty to God. What looks far to us is never far to God.

Who have you quietly decided is too far away from God?

II. TOO HARD TO UNDERSTAND (Acts 8:30b–35)

When I open my Bible, am I looking for information, or am I looking for Christ?

III. TOO SHUT OUT TO BELONG (Acts 8:36–40)

The Servant was cut off so that those who were cut-off could be brought in.

Have I believed in something that makes me unworthy of God?

"WHAT PREVENTS ME?"

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

For the week of November 16-22, 2026

GETTING STARTED

To the facilitator: Use this section to introduce the topic. If possible, give a brief recap of the sermon.

Share a memorable point, a spiritual lesson, a personal application, a question, or something that challenged you from the sermon last Sunday.

What's the longest trip you've ever taken for just one thing (e.g. a concert, a famous food spot, or to see one person), and was it worth it?

GROUP DISCUSSION

Read Acts 8:26-40

1. Read Acts 8:26-29. What instructions did Philip receive from the angel and the Spirit, and what is striking about how much or how little he was told? Remember that Philip had been experiencing a fruitful ministry in Samaria (Acts 8:4-8). Why might leaving the ministry in Samaria been difficult for Philip? When has God moved you away from something fruitful or comfortable toward something that seemed small or pointless at the time, and what came of it?

2. How does Luke describe the Ethiopian? What do we learn about him and the reason for his long journey? Now read Acts 1:8 and Zephaniah 3:10. Why do you think Luke takes the time to show the gospel reaching a man from Cush, a land people then thought of as the edge of the world? Who in your circle have you quietly decided is "too far" from God, and what would it look like to "run to the chariot" for that person this month?

3. Read Acts 8:30-35, particularly the passage from Isaiah 53:7-8 that the Ethiopian was reading. What was the Ethiopian struggling to understand, and how did Philip respond? Read Isaiah 53:4-6 and Luke 24:44-47. How do these passages help us understand why Philip could begin with Isaiah and proclaim the good news about Jesus? Why is it important that our conversations about the Bible ultimately lead people to Jesus, rather than simply giving them moral advice or religious information?

4. Read Acts 8:35-39 and compare it with Acts 2:37-41. What similarities do you see in how people responded to the gospel in these two accounts? When the Ethiopian saw water, he immediately asked about baptism. What does baptism communicate about a person's faith in Jesus, and why should it be a meaningful step of obedience rather than merely a religious ceremony? If you've been baptized, what do you remember about your baptism? Does it still shape the way you live today?

5. What happened to Philip and the Ethiopian after the baptism, and what is significant about the Ethiopian continuing his journey rejoicing? Philip was taken away without being told what happened next in the Ethiopian's life, yet he continued preaching elsewhere. What does this teach us about the difference between being faithful to our part in God's work and feeling responsible for controlling the results? How might this perspective encourage us when we share the gospel, serve others, or disciple someone without seeing immediate results?

NEXT STEPS

God can use an ordinary act of obedience to lead someone to Jesus.

- **OBEY PROMPTLY.** I will take the next step of obedience God is calling me to take, even when I don't understand the whole plan.
- **NOTICE PEOPLE.** I will pay attention to the people God places along my path, remembering that no encounter is too small to matter.
- **POINT TO JESUS.** I will look for an opportunity this week to begin a meaningful conversation and help someone see who Jesus is.
- **TRUST GOD.** I will faithfully do my part and leave the results in God's hands.

CLOSING THE SESSION

Close the session by taking the time to pray for one another. Consider the following as you pray:

- Pray for a heart that readily obeys God's leading, eyes that notice people who need Jesus, courage to share the gospel, and faith to trust God with the results.
- Pray for relationships to grow with other Christ-followers, that you will encourage and care for one another.
- Pray for your unsaved family, friends, and loved ones.
- Pray for protection, provision, healing and comfort for everyone who's going through physical, emotional, mental and spiritual pain.

BIBLE READING GUIDE

November 16	**Acts 8:26-40**	November 20	**Luke 19:1-10**
November 17	**Jonah 4:1-11**	November 21	**Psalms 119:9-16**
November 18	**Isaiah 49:3-7**	November 22	**Psalms 119:17-24**
November 19	**Luke 24:44-49**		