

# A Divine Appointment

Acts 8:26 – 40

## I. Introduction

## II. How the Spirit Works in Personal Evangelism

### A. The Spirit works to lead us into divine appointments

### B. The Spirit prepares people to hear the gospel message

**Isaiah 53:5 – 6** But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

**Isaiah 53:9 – 11** And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand. Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.

### **C. The Spirit works faith and commitment in those who respond**

**Acts 8:37** Then Philip said “If you believe with all your heart you may.” And he answered and said, “I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.”

**Acts 11:18** When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, “Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life.”

**Acts 13:48** And when the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord, and as many as were appointed to eternal life believed.

### **III. Conclusion**