

## Connecting the Dots

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### Look

Working as a team has many benefits. It's not always easy, and it takes several key ingredients to help make a team work together well. At its worst, teamwork can be destructive and demoralizing. However at its best, it can be transcendent.

1. What are some key benefits of working in a team that you value?
2. How does working in a team help to generate new ideas, answer questions better and investigate more deeply?
3. What does it feel like for you when you're having a discussion with someone else and suddenly they help you to connect the dots?

### Book

Acts 8:26-40

This Ethiopian is searching and happens to come across just the right person in his search. He's intelligent and well read, but is missing a number of contextual pieces of knowledge and experience. That's why Philip was brought in.

1. How would you characterize the Ethiopian's attitude and emotions when he meets Philip?
2. How does Philip help connect the dots for the Ethiopian, and what is the Ethiopian's reaction?
3. In what way does this experience with the Ethiopian help connect some dots for Philip?

### Took

God encourages us into communities for more than just self-preservation: It's because we compliment each other. We each bring our unique perspectives, experiences and gifts together to form something new. When we come together like this, in His name, we create a space for the Holy Spirit to move and create something greater.

1. How has being a part of this faith community helped you on your faith journey?
2. What typically gets in your way of having dot-connecting conversations with others?
3. What is a faith matter you are wrestling with that you can share with someone else this week to help connect the dots?