

## The Good Book Club – April 22 ,2018

This week we will be looking at 4 stories from chapter 8 verse 1 through chapter 10 verse 33.

As you read these stories please keep your eyes peeled for the themes we named last week:

- Jesus's life and ministry as the fulfillment of God's promises
- The reliability of God's word as manifest in the fulfillment of God's promises
- The presence and activity of the Holy Spirit
- Echoes of Jesus' life and ministry in the lives of the people in these stories

Here are a couple more themes to watch for, all taken from the introduction to the Book of Acts in The New Oxford Annotated Bible

- Luke sought to clarify both how the church was faithful to the God of the Bible and how Christianity was not incompatible with citizenship in the Roman Empire.
- ...one of the key concepts of the book, namely, that the apostles guarantee continuity with Jesus through their status as witnesses to everything that happened during his ministry.
- For Luke, who was most likely a Gentile Christian, the fact that God's Promises in scripture had been made to the ancient people of God requires that the church stand in continuity with Israel.

Here are the stories for this week's discussion

8:26-40 Phillip and the Ethiopian Eunuch

9:1-19 Saul's Conversion

9:36-43 Peter & Lydda in Joppa

10:1-33 Peter & Cornelius

See you at 9:30 in the Parish Hall!