

## Weekly Devotions: 23rd – 29th November

*Pray at the start of each devotion for help to understand. Pray at the end of each devotion for help to obey.*

### Monday 23rd November – Acts 8:26-31

Write Out & Learn: 8:26

Focus: How would you describe Philip's actions in this section?

Reflect: Are you one who is listening for and obedient to God's voice as you hear him speak through his Word?

### Tuesday 24th November – Psalm 37:1-17

Write Out & Learn: 37:3

Focus: What is going on in the world according to the Psalmist? What verbs does he use to describe how the godly should act?

Reflect: Meditate on the Psalmist's words to 'trust', 'delight', 'commit' and 'wait' on God. Is this the posture of your heart today?

### Wednesday 25th November – Acts 8:32-35

Write Out & Learn: 8:35

Focus: What is it specifically from this portion of Isaiah 53 that is fulfilled in the life and death of Jesus?

Reflect: Pray and ask that God would give you sovereign appointments to share Jesus with the people in your life today.

### Thursday 26th November – Psalm 37:18-33

Write Out & Learn: 37:23

Focus: What words does David use to convey God's provision and goodness to his people (v.23-26)?

Reflect: What particular things in your life do you need to commit to the Lord today?

### Friday 27th November – Acts 8:36-40

Write Out & Learn: 8:39

Focus: How would you describe the Eunuch's reaction upon hearing the good news about Jesus?

Reflect: Do you know times of 'rejoicing' in Jesus Christ in your own Christian walk? If not then pray and ask God to help you know the joy of knowing him as Lord, King and Saviour.

### Saturday 28th November – Psalm 37:34-40

Write Out & Learn: 37:39

Focus: Pick out the words David uses to describe God's protection for his people (particularly v.39&40)?

Reflect: Meditate on these words. Praise God that he is great deliverer of his people through Jesus.

### Sunday 29th November – Acts 8:26-40 & Psalm 37

## Pray for Niger – No.9

**Population** – 17,830,000

**Capital** – Niamey (pop. 1,302,910)

**Christian** – 0.33%

Niger is the largest country in West Africa with 80% of its land area covered by the Sahara Desert. Niger is a developing country but, with a high birth rate, poor education and healthcare, and poor infrastructure, it is consistently ranked as one of the lowest nations on the UN's Human Development Index.

### Things to pray for:

**Islam** - There is an encouraging spiritual opening to the gospel among the people of Niger. Still, however, Islam is pervasive and the number groups with strict interpretations of it are on the rise. Pray that the land may remain open to Christian mission and witness.

**Christianity** - Christianity is growing but more slowly than the population overall. Previous unreached people groups now have their first believers, and pastors, many of whom have converted from Islam, lead the majority of the congregations. However, evangelicals remain a tiny minority. People are coming into the Kingdom in a trickle; pray for the trickle to become a torrent.

**The Church** - There are many issues facing the Church. Pray particularly for unity and that God would raise up many leaders for the Church in Niger.

**Young People** - Young people in Niger remain the most open to the gospel yet not enough is being done to reach them. The Navigators and CCCI have ministries in many of Niger's Universities and SIM runs an evangelistic student centre near the University of Niamey. Pray for a deep and lasting impact through campus ministries.

**Gospel Opportunities** - Pray for the continued work in Bible translation and distribution. The Jesus film is now available in 11 languages. Radio is a recent development in Christian ministry with EBM providing programmes for the national radio. Pray that through these media channels that the good news of the gospel would reach people.