Open Your Heart’s Door ... to Silence and Song

text: Luke 1: 5-22, 57-80; Acts 8: 26-39

A serendipitous life is marked by ‘\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_’ and spontaneity.

The old priest and his wife were ecstatic - there was a new song in their lives. What the angel predicted came true: “You will have joy and gladness, and many will \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at his birth.” [Luke 1:14]

I. **When we open our heart’s door to silence, we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ more clearly** [Acts 8: 26-35]

A. In his chariot, the Ethiopian meditated \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on the prophecy of Isaiah. [27-28]

B. God sent Philip to help him \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ what he was reading [vv. 26, 29-30]

C. Philip helped the official see a suffering \_\_\_\_ in the scripture. [vv. 31-33]

D. Philip preached \_\_\_\_\_, the Lamb of God, to him [vv. 34-35]

E. Amidst the noise of Christmas, in order to have serendipities, we too must carve out times of silence to understand or remind ourselves of Jesus, the season’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

II. **When we open our heart’s door to faith, our heart opens to \_\_\_\_\_ as well**. [vss. 36-39]

A. The Ethiopian confirmed his \_\_\_\_\_ in the Lamb as the Son of God and was baptized. [vv. 36-38]

B. then he continued on his way \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! [v .39]

C. Faith opens the door to song. This season is about a baby Lamb born to die for us. In that truth, we can sing the songs of Christmas with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ hearts.