

Questions for Reflection and Discussion:

1. What stood out to you about the message today?
2. If you're honest, who is someone (or a group or category of people) you wouldn't expect (or want) to respond to God? Why?
3. In what ways might power keep us from seeing clearly?
4. What are some ways we try to control God?
5. In what areas of life is God calling you to submit to him, rather than trying to be in control?



THE GOOD NEWS ACCORDING TO LUKE

The Source of the Sorcerer

“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and Samaria and even the ends of the earth.”

Acts 1:8

Coming Up:

July 24th: Acts 8:26-40

July 31st: Acts 9

August 7th: Acts 10-11

August 14th: Acts 12

August 21st: Acts 13:13-52

August 28th: Acts 14:8-28

Scripture: Acts 8:9-25

Philip follows Jesus' instructions to carry the gospel to _____.

- There were centuries-old animosity between Jews and Samaritans.
- Jesus challenged old _____.

_____ would not have had the same prejudices.

Simon was a “magi.”

Pagan religions believe _____ gives them control over a world that is threatening and unpredictable.

The Bible rejects the idea that we can _____ God.

Instead, we make _____ to our heavenly father.

We cannot _____ the move of the Holy Spirit.

Why did the Holy Spirit work this way?

1. The _____ needed to know they were accepted.
2. The _____ needed to see the Samaritans filled with the Spirit.

We question Simon’s conversion because he still believes he can _____ God!

Application:

1. God is working in the lives of people we might not _____.

2. We should be _____ of the role money and power play in faith.

We often assume wealth, power and righteousness go together, but _____ can actually prevent us from seeing things clearly.

3. We cannot treat faith in Jesus like _____.

Spiritual growth isn’t the process of trying to _____ God, it’s the process of learning _____ to God.

The Holy Spirit empowers us to accomplish _____ purpose.