

Acts

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Monday, 9:30 – 11:00 am

To be discussed –040824

Lesson 9

Acts 8:1-40

1. Read Acts 8:1-8. What different perspectives of Stephen's death were held by Saul, by the Christians and by God? (vv. 1-3)

2. Why might Samaria be a difficult place of ministry for Philip? (See also John 4:9) Why did the crowds pay close attention to him? To what was his success due? (John 14:12)

3. Read Acts 8:9-25. Who was Simon? Why did he have a following among the people?

4. Verse 13 says Simon himself believed, was baptized and followed Philip everywhere. Why did he do that? Was he a true believer? Why or why not?

5. Why should believers desire the power of the Holy Spirit? (See also John 14:15-18, 15:26, 16:7-15) So, what was wrong with Simon's desire for the Holy Spirit?

6. Today, believers are given the gift of the Holy Spirit at the moment of belief in Jesus. Why do you think these new believers did not receive the Holy Spirit until Peter and John came from Jerusalem to them?

7. Read Acts 8:26-40. Philip's encounter with the Ethiopian contains some wonderful lessons on evangelism.
 - ✦ What was God's part?

 - ✦ What was the Ethiopian's part?

 - ✦ What was Philip's part? Try to list the steps he took in leading this man to Christ.