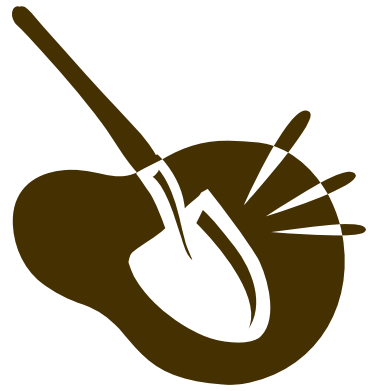


DIGGING DEEPER



These questions are designed for use in our Life Groups, but they also can be used in personal and family devotions.

Series: Lights, Camera, ACTS-ion
Sermon: *Simon the Sorcerer*
Scripture: *Acts 8:1-24*

Getting Started

What arguments from these verses support of the idea that Simon may have been saved? What evidence is there from this passage that calls into question whether he exercised saving faith.

Bible Study Questions

1. What is the significance of the fact that when this persecution struck the church, the preachers stayed in Jerusalem while many in the congregation were “scattered”?
2. What was the purpose behind Philip’s performing of miraculous signs (v.6)?
3. Why were people so impressed with Simon (vv. 9-11)?
4. How did the miracles performed by Philip differ from the sorcery practiced by Simon?
5. Why did Peter react so strongly to Simon’s offer to buy the power to impart the Holy Spirit to others (vv. 17-23)?
6. How did Simon’s reaction in verse 24 fall short of a response of genuine repentance?
7. Look up the following verses. How do they illustrate the need for a person to accept responsibility for his/her own spiritual condition?
 - Luke 15:21
 - Luke 18:13

Apply It

Pastor Paul pointed out that people sometimes want to “pass the buck” to others for their spiritual condition. Examine your own life and honestly assess whether you are overly dependent on someone else (e.g. pastor, spouse, parent, Life Group) for your spiritual progress.