

“Witnesses in Samaria”

Acts 8:1-25

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Getting to Know You:

1. When are you silent when you need to speak up? or vice versa?

Digging Deeper:

Read Acts 8:1-25:

1. What happened in Jerusalem on the day of Stephen's stoning? Where did most of the Christians go? Who stayed? How did these events fulfill Acts 1:8?
2. Why would the Apostles want to stay in Jerusalem? Why do you think the Jewish leaders allowed them to remain there?
3. Philip first went to a city in Samaria. What did Jews think of Samaritans? (John 4:9)
4. What convinced the people there to believe? (8:6-8, 12)
5. Who wanted to cash in on Philip's success? Describe him and his activities before Philip's arrival. What did he think of himself? What did the people call him? (8:9-11)
6. How was Simon affected by Philip's ministry? (8:13)
7. What does it mean to “believe”?
8. When news of the spread of faith to the Samaritans reached Jerusalem, what happened? (8:14)
9. Why do you think it was important for God to use the Apostles to demonstrate officially that these Samaritans were true participants in the church? Why wasn't Philip's confirmation enough in this situation?
10. What was Simon's reaction to the giving of the Holy Spirit? What was wrong with this request? (8:18, 19)
11. Consider times that you have desired the Holy Spirit's power without submitting yourself to the Spirit. What is dangerous about such an arrangement?

Take Away:

1. Many people are interested in a “Jesus and ...” kind of faith. How can we know the truth and know that we are truly saved and not just going through the motions with our own version of faith?