



SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Speaker: Chris Royalty // Sunday: August 27, 2023

- 1) Begin your time by briefly praying and asking the Holy Spirit to help you as you discuss and study.
- 2) Read Acts 8:9-25 together.
- 3) What stuck out to you as you read? Is there anything you don't understand? Is there anything you'd like to discuss?
- 4) Read Acts 1:8. How is Acts 8:9–25 related to 1:8? Why is this significant?
- 5) Why did God delay pouring out his Spirit on the Samaritan believers? Why was this important? What lessons might we learn from this unique event?
- 6) What does this story teach about preaching Christ?
- 7) What disappoints you about the character of Simon? Why?
- 8) Do you think Simon had genuine faith in Christ? Why or why not?
- 9) Recall how Peter sharply called Simon to repentance. Why is repentance important?
- 10) Compare Luke 9:52–54 with Acts 8:14–25 and consider the change in the apostle John. How has his opinion of the Samaritans changed? How can you cultivate love for the unlovable?
- 11) Why is Acts 8:9–25 a good illustration of Matthew 28:18–20?
- 12) What are some specific actions you can take to convey the good news of salvation through Christ to others.
- 13) End your time in prayer. Ask God to help you apply the things you've discussed and learned during this time of study. Pray specifically for opportunities to share the gospel this week.

** Some of these questions taken from: Tony Merida, [Exalting Jesus in Acts](#) (Nashville, TN: Holman Reference, 2017), 120.*