

**Fellowship Community Group Discussion Guide**  
**Week of May 17, 2020**

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**Introduction from the Leader:**

- Welcome back!

**Opening Questions:**

1. Spend a few minutes catching up with each other, and find out how each person has been doing.
2. When you feel it's time, shift to this opening question: What is your favorite and least favorite thing about air travel (If you have not flown on a plane, then what is your favorite and least favorite thing about long car trips)?

**Into the Text** : Ask everyone to turn to Acts 8. This text takes place shortly after Stephen was martyred for the faith. Ask two volunteers to read Acts 8:4-13, and 8:14-25.

Spend some time looking over this passage and talk about Phillip and Simon. Contrast the two men, and note what is different about their "ministries." Why can we conclude that Simon was not an authentic believer? Does it appear that Simon repented and came to know the Lord in the end?

Why is the Gospel moving into Samaria such a noteworthy and important event?

Ask someone to read Romans 8:9. What does this mean regarding whether or not Simon was saved... if he did not yet have the Spirit?

**Application**: So as we think about this passage and what application we can make to our own lives, let's begin with the idea of excluding people based on our own internal prejudice towards them. Why does this sometimes happen, and what can be done to change our hearts and thinking?

Ask someone to read Matthew 7:21-23. How do we discern which teachers are good to listen to, if some who preach and minister in the name of Jesus do not actually know Jesus?

**Prayer time**: Ask for a volunteer to open, and a volunteer to close. Spend some time praying, and continue to remember those who are struggling with different challenges during this time. Pray for Christ to prepare us to be His witnesses to all people.