

Sunday, 10-23-22

Simon Wants to Buy Power
Bible Background: Acts 8:4-24
Printed Text: Acts 8:9-24 KJV/NLT
Devotional Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Aim for Change:

1. **DISCUSS** Simon's motivation to receive the Holy Spirit
 2. **REFLECT** on any selfish desires for God's power
 3. **CREATE** a list of true and sincere motives for following Christ
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Devotional Reading:

- **Wednesday – 1 Corinthians 1:18-25**
 - (v. 18) How do you receive the preached word? Do you have the Holy Ghost for discernment? Do you forget the message once you leave the church building? – **Isaiah 29:12-15**
 - (vv. 19-20) Where does your understanding of God come from? – **Romans 1:16-17**
 - (vv. 21-24) What's your stumbling block for spiritual growth? – **Fri: Galatians 5:16-21**
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Focal Verses:

- **Sunday – Acts 8:9-24**
 - (vv. 9-11) How have you tricked others to believe you're a believer? – **Mark 3:20-30**
 - (vv. 12-13) Has your baptism dried out? Was your baptism done in vain? – **Acts 1:1-11**
 - (vv. 14-17) How did you receive the Holy Ghost? What has the Holy Ghost done through you? – **Acts 2:36-38; Ephesians 4:4-7; Titus 3:5-7**
 - (vv. 18-19) Can you buy bits/pieces of God? Do you share the gift(s) God gave you? Have you not received a gift(s) from God yet? – **Ephesians 2:8-9; Hebrews 6:1-6**
 - (vv. 20-24) Are you convicted enough to correct another believer? Are you mature enough in Christ to accept correction as long as it's scriptural and by the Holy Spirit?
 - (v. 24) Is your comfort zone worth your salvation? – **Galatians 3:19-23; Hebrews 2:1-4**
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Daily Readings:

- **Monday – Job 26**
 - (vv. 2-4) What have you brought to the table for God? – **Proverbs 15:7-11**
 - (vv.12-14) How do you know that God's talking to you? – **John 3:31-36**
- **Tuesday – Acts 19:11-20**
 - (vv. 13-16) Do you use Jesus' name in vain? Do you try to do something you have no faith in doing? – **Matthew 7:21-23**
- **Thursday – 1 Corinthians 1:26-2:5**
 - (v. 26) Are you following the calling of men or God? – **2 Timothy 1:7-9**
 - (v. 31) Are your accomplishments glorifying God? Are you helping others to know God by those accomplishments? Are you a praise seeker instead of praise giver? – **Job 9:20-29; Galatians 6:12-15**
- **Friday – Galatians 5:16-21**
 - (vv. 19-21) What's your favorite sin? Which one is hindering your spiritual growth? Is there time for repentance? – **Deuteronomy 21:22-23; Romans 14:11-19; 1 Corinthians 15:53-57**
- **Saturday – Galatians 5:22-26**
 - (vv. 22-24) Why is the fruit of the Spirit list so small? – **Ephesians 5:9-14**
 - (vv. 25-26) Why do we provoke others away from God? Does the spirit within reflect that of Jesus or the enemy? – **Romans 8:23-28**

Note – **Bold/Italicized scripture(s) are additional scriptural reference(s) that may be read during class**

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