



## Small Group Study Questions

Week 13

### Acts 8:18-25 (NASB 1995)

18 Now when Simon saw that the Spirit was bestowed through the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money, 19 saying, "Give this authority to me as well, so that everyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit." 20 But Peter said to him, "May your silver perish with you, because you thought you could obtain the gift of God with money! 21 You have no part or portion in this matter, for your heart is not right before God. 22 Therefore repent of this wickedness of yours, and pray the Lord that, if possible, the intention of your heart may be forgiven you. 23 For I see that you are in the gall of bitterness and in the bondage of iniquity." 24 But Simon answered and said, "Pray to the Lord for me yourselves, so that nothing of what you have said may come upon me."

**25** So, when they had solemnly testified and spoken the word of the Lord, they started back to Jerusalem, and were preaching the gospel to many villages of the Samaritans.

### QUICK REVIEW

Summarize one thing that Pastor Fred said in his sermon this past week that stands out to you.

## DIGGING DEEPER

Do you enjoy bargaining with people? Or haggling over a price for something? Why or Why not?

Have you ever tried to haggle with God for something? Can you tell us about it?

### **Read Acts 8:18-19**

Does it seem that Simon had a sincere heart when making his request?

Play devil's advocate both ways: What does this mean about Simon if he had a sincere heart? What does this mean about Simon if he doesn't have a sincere heart?

Why does he offer them money?

### **Read Acts 8:20-23**

Peter shares the giving the Holy Spirit by laying of hands was a "gift of God." What are some of the gifts that God gives? (Ephesians 4 & 1 Corinthians 12 give lists, but neither of these are the definitive list)

## DIGGING DEEPER

What does Peter share that we didn't know when Simon asks the question?

What is Simon to do?

### **Read Acts 8:24**

Is Simon's response one of repentance?

What should our response be when God gives us gifts?

## TAKING IT HOME

Which point from this weekend's message or small group study is most important for you to remember?

## PRAYER REQUEST

