

Made New, Not Upgraded

Discussion Questions

1. What stands out to you about the way the gospel brings Jewish and Samaritan believers together? What does this reveal about the kind of new life Jesus creates?
2. Simon believed, was baptized, and continued with Philip. What does his later request reveal about the desires he may still have been carrying from his former life?
3. Where are you most tempted to want Jesus' help, gifts, or approval while still insisting on having the final say?
4. Peter tells Simon to "repent and pray to the Lord." When pride, resentment, or the need for control is exposed in us, what would genuine repentance look like?
5. Consider the question from the end of the message: "Is Jesus Lord of your life—or have you been trying to make room for him in a life you still intend to rule?" What response might Jesus be asking of you right now?

These questions should spark deeper reflection and meaningful conversation about the key points of the sermon.