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Acts 8

9 Now for some time a man named Simon had practiced sorcery in the city and amazed all the people of Samaria. He boasted that he was someone great, **10** and all the people, both high and low, gave him their attention and exclaimed, "This man is rightly called the Great Power of God." **11** They followed him because he had amazed them for a long time with his sorcery. **12** But when they believed Philip as he proclaimed the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. **13** Simon himself believed and was baptized. And he followed Philip everywhere, astonished by the great signs and miracles he saw. **14** When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to Samaria. **15** When they arrived, they prayed for the new believers there that they might receive the Holy Spirit, **16** because the Holy Spirit had not yet come on any of them; they had simply been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. **17** Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit. **18** When Simon saw that the Spirit was given at the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money....



Questions for Discussion

1. Read Acts 8:4-25.
2. What is Simon looking for? How does he go about seeking it?
3. Why does this produce such a negative reaction from Peter?
4. What can we learn about what we should not do from Simon's pursuit of God's power?
5. What can we learn about what we SHOULD do from Simon's pursuit of God's power?
6. What do you think will happen ask we seek to experience God's power?

Take time to pray for one another.