

Book of Acts Character Studies: Simon and Philip

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Acts 8: 4 – 25

- **(4 – 8)** Why were the disciples dispersed from Jerusalem, and what action did they take throughout the region as a result? Where did Philip go, and what do we know about his background? (*Acts 6: 5 – 6*)
- **(9 – 11)** Describe Simon's background. What had Simon been doing in Samaria, and what effect did his actions have on the people?
- **(12 – 13)** How did the people respond to Philip's teaching? What action did Simon take as a result of Philip's teaching?
(*2 Timothy 4: 1 – 4; John 8: 31 – 32*)
- **(14 – 17)** What did the apostles in Jerusalem do when they heard what was happening in Samaria? What action did Peter and John take when they were dispatched to Samaria?
- **(18 – 19)** What did Simon demand from the apostles? What was his likely motivation?

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- **(20 – 21)** What points did Peter make in addressing Simon's demand? What do we learn about God's expectations regarding our attitude and motivation toward serving Him? (*Proverbs 16: 2; Hebrews 4: 12 – 13*)
- **(22 – 23)** What does this interaction teach us about repentance and forgiveness? (*Proverbs 28: 13; 1 John 1: 9*)
- **(24 – 25)** What did Simon ask of the apostles? What action did the apostles take as they traveled back to Jerusalem?