

Simon or Samaritan?

Main Scripture: Acts 8:9-25

Additional Scriptures: Matthew 5:16, 1st Peter 4:10, Isaiah 50:10-11, Colossians 1:28-29, John 16:7, Luke 11:11-13

Hearing: Discussion Questions

- Pastor Robbie said that signs give us direction; they were never meant to be the destination. When and how do signs trip believers up? How do we keep our eyes and hearts focused on Jesus and not get caught up in the signs and wonders (or any other sign in our walk with Jesus) that may occur?
- **Read 1st Peter 4:10.** What gifts or talents do you feel God has given you? How are you stewarding or using them for the Kingdom and to glorify God?
- **Read Isaiah 50:10-11.** What torches do you feel you have lit as opposed to letting God light in your life? What about in your walk with Christ?
 - How is our discipleship stifled when we begin lighting our own torches?
 - How, if there are torches lit by our own ability, do you snuff them out and let the Lord relight them?
- Pastor Robbie warned about two types of weary people: those who cut into the race a few miles in without ever really starting and those who run without the real source of nourishment but by their own strength.
 - Which one of these do you most relate to? Why?
 - How do you lovingly lead someone who is weary in these two regards back to running the race as it was meant to be run?
- “The weariest parts of your life occur when you are posing.” If you are honest, what aspects of your life are you posing in? What aspects of your discipleship are you posing in?
- **Read Colossians 1:28-29.** What does “His energy” look like? How do you ensure that you are using His energy and not your own?
 - Where do you try to exert the most personal energy in your walk with Jesus? What is the hardest aspect of your faith to let go into God’s hands?

Doing: Application

- Take this week and really assess where you are using your energy as opposed to God’s energy. Find out where those torches are lit, pray, and ask the Lord for direction on how to change those habits into God infused endeavors!