

Don't Miss Out!

Acts 8:9-25

The Story . . .

In order to _____, we have to _____

1. Change whose _____ we're living _____

2. Change whose _____ we're living _____

For Further Reflection and Discussion

Opener: What's the worst storm or disaster you've ever been in?

How did God speak to you or work in you at church this Sunday?

Read Acts 8:9-25. What do vv. 9-11 tell us about Simon?

What are some ways in which Simon and Philip are different?

Do you think Simon's conversion was genuine? Why or why not?

Have you experienced the Holy Spirit "coming upon you" (v. 16)?

- If so, when did that happen? What was it like?
- If not, would you like to? How do you feel about that possibility?

Why do you think Simon was poisoned by bitterness ("in the gall of bitterness," v. 23)? What did he have to be bitter about?

What would Simon have needed to repent of (v. 22)?

Write a better ending for this story. What should Simon have done? What might have happened if he had?

In what ways (if any) do you identify with Simon?

How easy or difficult is it for you to choose God's agenda over your own? In what situations is this choice harder than others?

What are some of the advantages of living under God's authority? What are some of the challenges?

What is one thing you sense God directing you to do differently as a result of this truth we've discussed?

How can we pray for one another?