

SIMON: A STORY OF MAGICAL CHANGE

Use the following Growth Group discussion questions to deepen your relationship with God, his Word and others.

Growth Group Leaders: It is not necessary to use all the questions. Select or ask questions you like or that best fit your Growth Group.

BREAK IT OUT:

1. Who was your hero when you were 10? What ability did they have that you wanted for yourself?
2. What SURPRISED you or made you THINK in the story of Simon?

TALK IT OUT:

3. How do we strive to have the best church (the most exciting programming) that's possible for the lifting up of Jesus Christ?
4. How do we fulfill our mission for Jesus Christ corporately and individually?
5. When life gets tough, what lessons from this story can help us focus on Jesus?
6. What does repentance look like in our lives?
7. How do we walk in humility?
8. How does prayer play a part in making a difference in the world?

WORK IT OUT:

9. In response to this sermon, what do you believe is your next step?
10. How can your growth group help you in this journey?

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9/10 in the series *The Supporting Cast*
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As dramatic and foreign as this story seems to us, its implications for how we live today are quite practical. *Simon the Sorcerer* in Acts 8 will teach us how to accomplish great things for God. Do you want your life to count? Would you like our church to be used of God for significant change in people's lives and in changing our culture? This story will help us get there.

1. **The sin of amazement** - (Acts 8:9-19). It is not so much that "amazing" things are wrong, unless they become the target.
2. **The focus on Christ alone** - (Acts 8:4-5, 12, 25). Let's always do our very best but remember our mission is Jesus Christ.
3. **The path of repentance and humility** - (Acts 8:20-24). For any of us, anytime, repentance and humility are always appropriate.

APPLICATION

"He must increase, but I must decrease." -John 3:30

NEXT WEEK 10/10 • THE SUPPORTING CAST
A LOVE STORY • GENESIS 5:21-24, HEBREWS 11:5