

Sovereign Word Baptist Church

For you have exalted above all things your name and your word - Ps. 138:2

Wednesday Bible Study
Acts 8:9-24 -**Two Week Handout**

- Please read Acts 8:9-24. Answer the questions below. Bring your answers next week for us to discuss together. Do not feel bad if you are not able to find an answer to a question. Do the best you can and enjoy studying the passage. We will work together as a group to find the meaning of God's wonderful word.

Week One

1. What does this passage teach us about pride and pleasing man?
2. Besides this passage, what else does God's word say about pride and pleasing man?
3. Do you think our culture promotes more of a prideful way of thinking or humility? Please support your answer with at least one example.
4. How does this passage exemplify Romans 10:17?
5. People were baptized in this passage. Please answer the questions below to help make sure you have a good Biblical understanding about baptism.
 - a. Why should a person be baptized?
 - b. Should babies be baptized? Why or Why not?
 - c. Does it matter if a person is immersed under water or sprinkled with water during baptism?
 - d. What would be a wrong reason to be baptized?
6. Does everyone who professes to believe and is baptized have a genuine faith in God? Why or why not?
7. Simon professed to believe and was baptized. Was his belief real, and was he baptized for the right reason?
8. What additional insight does Luke 8:4-15 teach us about believing?
9. How can Simon's sinful actions motivate us to do the opposite, to live lives that are pleasing to God?

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Week Two

1. How did Simon have a false view of the Holy Spirit?
2. According to Gods word, when does a person receive the Holy Spirit, and how does the Spirit work in the life of a believer?
3. Simon desired to do the same type of miracles as the apostles. Is it possible for someone today to have the same type of healing power that the apostles had? Why or why not?
4. What did Peter accuse Simon of doing, and what did he say about his spiritual condition?
5. In Acts 8:22, what did Peter instruct Simon to do?
6. What does Acts 8:24 tell us about Simon's response to Peter?
7. Name one lesson/thing we can learn from the answers we gathered from questions 1 to 6?