

**A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study**  
**Date: August 31, 2016**  
**Acts 8:9-25**

1. What was Simon doing at the beginning of this text?
  - a. Practicing sorcery.
  - b. Amazing all the people of Samaria.
  - c. Boasting that he was someone great.
  - d. Getting attention from all the people.
  - e. Praising him as if he were a god...or possessed the power of a god.
  
2. What happened in verse 12-13 that changed what was going on in Samaria?
  - a. Philip proclaimed the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ.
  - b. People believed Philip's message.
  - c. People were baptized.
  - d. Simon himself believed and was baptized.
  - e. Simon began to follow Philip everywhere...
  
3. What happened when the apostles heard about what was going on in Samaria?
  - a. They prayed for the new believers.
  - b. They sent Peter and John to Samaria.
  - c. There was an urgency that those who had been saved received the Holy Spirit.
  - d. They laid their hands on people and the new believers received the Holy Spirit.
  
4. What is Simon's reaction when he sees people receive the Holy Spirit under the ministry of the apostles, according to verse 18-19?
  - a. He wanted to have that power.
  - b. He offered money as if he can buy the power of God.
  - c. He saw that the apostles had a greater power that he did and he wants it.
  - d. He really just wants the Holy Spirit so bad that he would give up everything to get it.
  
5. What do you think happened to Simon in this story?
  - a. He was never really saved; he was just into having power.
  - b. He may have been saved, but there was still temptation to do the things that he had done before he knew Christ.
  - c. This is probably the reason that Jesus told us in Luke 9:23 that we must deny ourselves and take up our cross DAILY.
  - d. We don't know where Simon's heart was before this, but we can be sure that this was ungodly.
  
6. How does Peter react to Simon's request?
  - a. He gently corrects Simon.
  - b. He sends curses on Simon and his money.
  - c. He says that Simon is a sinner.
  - d. He calls Simon to repentance.
  
7. How does Simon react to Peter's correction? \_\_\_\_\_
  
8. How do we react when things are pointed out in our lives? \_\_\_\_\_