

The Power of Suffering

Acts 8

Bible Study

Wednesday, January 4, 2023

1. The command to be witnesses in all of Judea and Samaria (Acts 1:8) is fulfilled. What are the causes and extent of the spread of the gospel at this time?
2. How are you seeing the command to be witnesses fulfilled in your life and community?
3. How does the power of the Holy Spirit continue to be demonstrated?
4. Look at the story of Simon the sorcerer (vv. 9-25). How does he attempt to get spiritual power?

What is his motivation for wanting this power (vv. 18-19)?

5. In contrast, what is God's way for his people to receive spiritual power (vv. 20-23)?
6. In what ways do you attempt to receive spiritual power?

7. The story of Simon the sorcerer demonstrates that becoming a Christian does not instantly resolve all problems and character flaws. What do you learn from Peter concerning nurturing young believers?

What results do you see in Simon?

8. What are the factors involved in the eunuch's coming to know the Lord (v. 26-39)?
9. How was Philip's ministry to the eunuch the beginning of the witness "to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8)?
10. What do you see as your opportunities and responsibilities for taking the gospel to the ends of the earth?
11. Today we refer to different kinds of evangelism, such as friendship evangelism, mass evangelism, door-to-door evangelism, and literature evangelism. What kinds of evangelism do you see in the passage?
12. What principles of evangelism have you observed throughout this study?
13. What have you learned from this passage that might make you a more effective witness for Jesus?