
COMMUNITY GROUP GUIDE

Gather to Go:: Do I have Genuine Faith?

Passage: Acts 8:1-24

The Point: Not everyone who professes Jesus is a genuine follower of Jesus.

Discussion Questions:

- How do you feel when things aren't the way they appear to be? What is the danger of someone professing Jesus but not really following Him?
- Simon believed, was baptized, and followed Philip, yet Peter said his heart was not right before God. What does Simon's story teach us about the difference between outward religious activity and genuine faith?
- Peter exposed that Simon wanted the power of God for selfish gain. What are some ways people today can want the benefits of Christianity without truly wanting Jesus Himself?
- The sermon asked, "What am I trusting for salvation?" Why is "Because He saved me" the only secure answer, and how do we subtly drift into trusting ourselves?
- Peter calls Simon to repent. How would you explain the difference between true repentance and simply wanting to avoid consequences?
- A genuine follower of Jesus has a changed heart. What are some desires, attitudes, or priorities that begin to change when someone truly comes to Christ?
- Jesus said we will recognize people by their fruit. Looking at Galatians 5:22–23, where do you see the Spirit producing fruit in your life, and where do you still need growth?
- Paul says to "examine yourselves" to see whether you are in the faith. How can we practice healthy self-examination while still resting in the assurance and grace of Jesus?
- What was your biggest takeaway and/or what is one concrete step you sense God inviting you to take this week?