



# CALLING PEOPLE TO REPENTANCE

ACTS 8:9-13

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1. Call \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.9-11)

*Acts 8:9* But there was a man named Simon, who had previously practiced magic in the city and amazed the people of Samaria, saying that he himself was somebody great.

**10** They all paid attention to him, from the least to the greatest, saying, "This man is the power of God that is called Great." **11** And they paid attention to him because for a long time he had amazed them with his magic.

**12** But when they believed Philip as he preached good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.

**13** Even Simon himself believed, and after being baptized he continued with Philip. And seeing signs and great miracles performed, he was amazed. (ESV)

2. Call \_\_\_\_\_ (v.12)

3. Call \_\_\_\_\_ (v.13)

# Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **James 4:6-10** and **1 Kings 21:25-29**. Why does it logically make sense that people cannot keep their pride intact when they experience true repentance?
2. Read **Luke 14:31-33**. Why is Jesus' illustration so helpful in clarifying the kind of lasting humility that is involved in living under the Lordship of Christ the King?
3. Read **Luke 24:45-49**. Why do you think so many Christians fail to explain the urgency or implications of repentance to their non-Christian friends, family, or acquaintances?
4. Read **Luke 3:7-14**. How would you respond to someone who says this teaching about repentance is too dramatic and too demanding, and therefore isn't the loving message of real Christianity?
5. Read **Matthew 13:18-30**. How can we all remain hopeful and optimistic about people in our world becoming fruit-bearing Christians, while being mindful and clear about the difference between true and counterfeit responses to the gospel?

## This Week's Bible Reading Schedule

### May 2<sup>nd</sup>

1Kgs.3-5 & Lk.23:1-26

### May 3<sup>rd</sup>

1Kgs.6-7 & Lk.23:27-38

### May 4<sup>th</sup>

1Kgs.8-9 & Lk.23:39-56

### May 5<sup>th</sup>

1Kgs.10-11 & Lk.24:1-35

### May 6<sup>th</sup>

1Kgs.12-13 & Lk.24:36-53

### May 7<sup>th</sup>

1Kgs.14-15 & Jn.1:1-28

### May 8<sup>th</sup>

1Kgs.16-18 & Jn.1:29-51

### May 9<sup>th</sup>

1Kgs.19-20 & Jn.2

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Msg. 19-32 – **The Life-Changing Message of God's Church**

Msg. 13-04 – **The Gospel's Assault on the Egocentric**

Msg. 17-33 – **The Impact of Repentance**

Msg. 16-13 – **Knowing Genuine Repentance**

Msg. 13-30 – **Apostasy & Stumbling Saints**

Msg. 08-15 – **How to Get Eternal Life: The Only Right Response**

Msg. 05-37 – **A Question of Perseverance, Salvation & Eternal Security**

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Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

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