

## Transformation Card

*This page provides an overview of the message and resources for individual and group study.*

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### **Sermon Audio**

Full Msg. Title: **The Expansion of the Kingdom of God to Samaria**  
Short Ver. Title: Kingdom Expansion: Samaria  
Series Title\*: Acts  
Text: Acts 8:9-24  
Key Words: Samaria, Simon, Philip, preaching, Holy Spirit

### **Message Outline**

#### **The Expansion of the Kingdom of God to Samaria**

- I. Samaria: The Place and Its People in God's Plan of Restoration
- II. Samaritans: God's Kingdom Come to the People in General
- III. Simon: God's Kingdom Come to the Man Simon

### **God's Word for Devotions**

1. Jer 30:1-4, 8-9; 31:31-34; 33:14-15
2. John 4
3. Acts 1:8
4. Acts 8
5. Luke 15

### **Talk About It with Your Friends and Family**

1. What do you make of Simon's magical powers and fame (9 ff.)?
2. What do you make of Simon's belief, baptism and continuance with Philip (9-13) in light of the events of 14-24 and Peter's assessment of Simon?
3. Why might Peter have reacted so strongly in verses 20 ff.?
4. Does this passage argue for or against a second filling of the Holy Spirit (15-17) as the normative Christian experience?

### **Memory and Meditation Verse**

"Then they *began* laying their hands on them, and they were receiving the Holy Spirit." Acts 8:17 (NASB)

### **Community Life**

1. Donations for Bibles still appreciated for the Living Hope Tagum City, in the Philippines. Contact Rod.
2. Community Groups have started. Please join us!
3. Your cleaning services appreciated.

### **Next Week**

Focus Text: Acts 8:25-40 – What activities did the apostles give themselves to while in Samaria? How would you characterize the events leading up to the meeting between Philip and the Ethiopian court official? What does the court official's voiced need for a guide say of the value of a human guide when it comes to our reading of the Scriptures? How did Philip explain the Scriptures to the court official? How should we treat v. 37 (hint: read the notes regarding this verse in your Bible)? What does this passage add to our understanding of Baptism? What is up with Philip being snatched away? What activity does Philip give himself to in verse 40?