

Scattered, Samaritans & Sorcerer

Acts 8:4-25

1. According to Acts 8:4, the disciples preached the word wherever they were scattered. Is this the way Christians act today? Why or why not?
2. Why do you think it's hard to talk about Jesus or our religious commitments in public? What stops us? How are we received when we do?
3. What effect is the Gospel supposed to have on social, racial, and economic divisions? What passages of Scripture support your answer?
4. What racial and social barriers continue in our churches today? How can we bring unity where there is division in these areas?
5. What was Simon's problem in Acts 8? Why does Peter accuse him? Is he a Christian? Why or why not?
6. How do we use God as a means to another end? What ends do we expect him to meet for us? Can you be a Christian and treat God as a "straw" instead of treating him as the "shake"? Why or why not?