

Aug 2, 2026 Small Group Questions

“The Kingdom of Healing”

Acts 8:4-24

1. The gospel brought healing on many levels in Samaria: social, spiritual, and physical. Which of those forms of healing stands out most to you in this passage, and why?
2. The centuries-long hostility between Jews and Samaritans began to be overcome through Jesus. Are there divisions in our world—or in your own life—that seem too deep to heal? What gives you hope that Christ can bring reconciliation?
3. Simon believed and was baptized, yet he still viewed God's power as something to possess and control. How would you describe the difference between wanting God's *gifts* and wanting God himself?
4. Peter tells Simon he is "in the gall of bitterness." Why do you think bitterness is so spiritually dangerous? How can we recognize it in ourselves before it takes root? What do you think is the difference between healthily acknowledging a wound, and allowing bitterness to take hold?
5. The sermon suggested that the kingdom of God doesn't simply offer forgiveness after death but begins restoring people and communities now. Where have you seen glimpses of that kind of healing in your own life, church, or community?
6. If Jesus' kingdom is a healing kingdom, what is one practical way you could participate in that healing this week—whether through reconciliation, forgiveness, generosity, prayer, or serving someone in need?