

Can a City Be Changed? – Leader's Guide

- 1. What problems did the city of Samaria have? (Many people were possessed by demons. Many were sick, paralyzed, and suffering. There was a heaviness in the city. There was probably much depression.)**
- 2. Describe Simon's lifestyle. See Acts 8:9. (He had practiced witchcraft for many years.)**
- 3. What boast did Simon make? (He boasted that he was the great God.)**
- 4. Where did Simon's power come from? (the devil)**
- 5. Why did the people of Samaria worship Simon? See Acts 8:11. (They were amazed with his magical arts.)**
- 6. Who were the people really worshipping? (They thought they were worshipping God, but they were tricked. They were really worshipping the devil.)**
- 7. What was Philip's message? See Acts 8:5, 12. (His message was about Jesus and the kingdom of God.)**
- 8. Why did crowds gather to hear Philip? (They saw miracles – healings and demons coming out of many.)**
- 9. How was the city different after Philip came? (People were healed and set free from demons. The atmosphere changed from sickness, heaviness, and depression to an atmosphere of joy.)**
- 10. What did people do after they believed the message? See Acts 8:12. (They publicly showed their faith by being baptized.)**
- 11. What happened to Simon? See Acts 8:13. (Simon also believed and was baptized. He was amazed at Jesus' power. It's greater than witchcraft!)**
- 12. What caused the city to change? (The power of the message, the miracles, and prayer.)**
- 13. How can we be like Philip? (We can have courage, share the gospel, pray for the sick, and even cast out demons!)**
- 14. How does God want to use you to change your school, your city? (Answers will vary.)**