

LESSON 11



Chapter 8:14-24

After Stephen's death, many followers of Jesus left Jerusalem because of fear. But everywhere they went, they told the story of Jesus.

¹⁴The apostles in Jerusalem heard that the people of Samaria had accepted the word of God. So they sent Peter and John to the people in Samaria. ¹⁵When Peter and John arrived, they prayed for the Samaritan believers to receive the Holy Spirit. ¹⁶These people had been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus, but the Holy Spirit had not yet come down on any of them. This is why Peter and John prayed. ¹⁷When the two apostles *laid their hands on* the people, they received the Holy Spirit.

¹⁸Simon saw that the Spirit was given to people when the apostles laid their hands on them. So he offered the apostles money. ¹⁹He said, "Give me this power so that when I lay my hands on someone, they will receive the Holy Spirit."

²⁰Peter said to Simon, "You and your money should both be destroyed because you thought you could buy God's gift with money. ²¹You cannot share with us in this work. Your heart is not right before God. ²²Change your heart! Turn away from these evil thoughts and pray to the Lord. Maybe he will forgive you. ²³I see that you are full of bitter jealousy and cannot stop yourself from doing wrong."

²⁴Simon answered, "Both of you pray to the Lord for me, so that what you have said will not happen to me."

NEW WORDS:

accepted

jealousy

offered

LET'S PRACTICE!

How many apostles were sent to Samaria? _____

Was there more than one believer in Samaria? _____

How many gifts of God did Simon wish to buy? _____

Write each of the things that Peter told Simon to do.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

For discussion:

How would you feel if you had been Simon?