



"The Greater Power"

Acts 8:4-25

September 8, 2024

SERMON REVIEW

The greater power of the gospel is seen in...

1. The joyful _____ of a city. (8:4-8)
2. The apparent _____ of a sorcerer. (8:9-13)
3. The unifying _____ of the Holy Spirit. (8:14-17)
4. The startling _____ of an idolater. (8:18-24)

Was any point in this weekend's message or portion of Scripture particularly challenging, encouraging or helpful for you?

Why did God want you to hear this message now?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. The sermon opened by asking each of us, “Is there any *kind* of person that I loathe? Is there any *particular* person that I abhor?” Who came to mind? How has the Lord spoke into your life on that?
2. Reflect on Colossians 3:7-14. What is Jesus calling for and empowering in the church as far as such interpersonal hatred? What is he calling for in your life? In our church? Where is the ability to live it out found?
3. Simon Magus is presented as person that practiced magic and was in the grip of idolatry. Reflect on the works of the flesh listed in Galatians 5:19-21 as contrasted with the fruit of the Spirit in Galatians 5:22. Where do we find the practice of sorcery, or magic, found? Why?
4. Have you ever felt compelled toward paranormal phenomena? Have you dabbled in any kind of magic or Spiritism? (Ouija board, séance, etc.) Why do you think God gives such severe warnings against it?
5. Reflect on Colossians 3:5-6. Idolatry can be defined as anything we think we need or long for above Jesus to be OK in life. Where do you find yourself pulled toward such idolatry? What do these verses command you to do with such yearnings?
6. Philip was a bold pioneer taking the Gospel to Samaria. Peter and John were bold in their praying and mediating the gift of the Holy Spirit to the despise Samaritans. Who is Jesus send you to? Where are you to be a peacemaker and ambassador for Jesus?