

## GO DEEPER

use these questions for further study

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### Share with the Group

What do you think of when you hear the words “Heresy” and “Orthodoxy”?

Based on the sermon, how would you define these terms in your own words?

What’s the difference between simply being wrong about something (being in error) and being heretical?

Why does it matter if we hold to orthodox beliefs?

### Read Acts 8:5-24

What stands out to you from this text?

What questions does this passage raise for you?

What is Luke (the author of Acts) trying to teach us about the person and nature of the Holy Spirit & the growth/leadership of the Church?

What can we say about Simon before he converted?

Do you think his conversion was real? Why/Why not?

Why does Simon try to purchase the Holy Spirit? What is he hoping for? What doesn’t he understand?

### Talk About It - SIMONY

Simony can be defined as any attempt to buy/sell/own/commodify God, God’s power, God’s Church, or any gifts, blessings, authority, or legitimacy which comes from God.

Think carefully and creatively, where do you see versions and variations of Simony in the world and church in modern times?

What is at the heart of Simony?

Are there ways you have participated in Simony which you need to repent from? What are they?

How should we respond when we see Simony?

What can we do to protect our hearts from Simony and direct our lives in ways which reflect total loyalty and submission to God and God alone?

### Close in Prayer

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