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The Next Big Thing - Preseason
Acts 8:1-25

What is your next big thing in life?

What is God's next big thing for your life?

Background on Acts 8:

God's Next Big Thing

I. Discovered in Unexpected _____.

Acts 8:4-8 *Therefore, those who had been scattered went about preaching the word. 5 Philip went down to the city of Samaria and began proclaiming Christ to them. 6 The crowds with one accord were giving attention to what was said by Philip, as they heard and saw the signs which he was performing. 7 For in the case of many who had unclean spirits, they were coming out of them shouting with a loud voice; and many who had been paralyzed and lame were healed. 8 So there was much rejoicing in that city.*

II. Received From Unexpected _____.

Acts 8:9-24 *Now there was a man named Simon, who formerly was practicing magic in the city and astonishing the people of Samaria, claiming to be someone great; 10 and they all, from smallest to greatest, were giving attention to him, saying, "This man is what is called the Great Power of God." 11 And they were giving him attention because he had for a long time astonished them with his magic arts.*

12 But when they believed Philip preaching the good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were being baptized, men and women alike. 13 Even Simon himself believed; and after being baptized, he continued on with Philip, and as he observed signs and great miracles taking place, he was constantly amazed.

14 Now when the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent them Peter and John, 15 who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit. 16 For He had not yet fallen upon any of them; they had simply been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

17 Then they began laying their hands on them, and they were receiving the Holy Spirit. 18 Now when Simon saw that the Spirit was bestowed through the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money, 19 saying, "Give this authority to me as well, so that everyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit."

20 But Peter said to him, "May your silver perish with you, because you thought you could obtain the gift of God with money!"

The World expects big things from _____,

and _____.

Point:

Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on!

1. What's the next big thing on your agenda for life? How are you feeling about it? How are you using your agenda to try to control God? How could you learn to submit your life to God's next big thing?
2. When have you experienced God's presence most deeply in your life?
3. What would it look like to make knowing the Holy Spirit and God's will for your life the next big thing in life?



Idea: Make a decision to seek the Holy Spirit in the unexpected places of life.

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