

The Forgotten God  
Part #4 – “**Why do we want Him?**”  
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**Q – What does Samaria have to do with the gospel and the work of the Holy Spirit?**

A look back to history ...

- 8<sup>th</sup> century in the northern kingdom – Assyrians
- 6<sup>th</sup> century in the southern kingdom – Babylonians
- 5<sup>th</sup> century and the rebuilding of Jerusalem

A Samaritan = Half-**Breed**

→ Luke 9:52-55 (James and **John**)

**Q – What does Samaria have in common with the Muslim world?**

→ Genesis 16

**Q – What does God have in mind for Samaria?**

→ Acts 1:8 / Acts 8:1

→ Acts 8:4-7

TEXT: Acts 8:9-25

1. **Simon wanted the Spirit, because he had a preoccupation with novelty**

→ He was an **entertainer** who wanted to amaze the people.

2. **Simon wanted the Spirit, because he prioritized personal profit**

→ He had a **merchandizing** mentality.

→ The Spirit can't be bought or negotiated with.

**Q - Why should we want the Spirit?**

- A. We have many **needs**  
(Acts 8:6-8)
- B. We are **weak** and we know it  
(Acts 1:8)
- C. We want to **value** every Samaritan we meet ...because we know that we are also Samaritans for whom Christ died.  
(Luke 9:52-55)

Saint + Sinner = Follower of Christ / **Samaritan**

- D. We know life in the Kingdom of God is all about his **rule** and his **reign** over our hearts. (Romans 14:17)