God Loves People We Love to Hate

# Acts 8

* Philip, one of the Seven and a Hellenist scattered by persecution, shared the Good News in hated Samaria. Why did he not stay and lead a protest at how unfairly he was treated in Jerusalem?
* Why did Peter and John, part of the Twelve, come to see what was happening in Samaria?
* Simon the magician became a baptized believer, but stayed committed to sin. Why is it difficult to read the human heart, even when we say the right things?
* If the Ethiopian could, as a foreigner, read Isaiah in Hebrew, how committed was he to seeking the Lord already? Why is that important?
* In the story of Acts, we are meeting a stream of people who are “other” and “them” (Gentile converts (6:5), Hellenists, Samaritans, Ethiopians). How can God still keep his promises to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob if He waters down the crowd with outsiders? What is God doing?
* Define the inside group that we stay with (yes we all have one). Why is it hard to let outsiders be themselves and still be part of our inside group?
* Why does God leave us to figure out so much of this for ourselves?