

# Heart Matters Discussion Questions

Acts 8:9-25

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1. Have you encountered a person who thought they were saved, but you weren't sure if they actually were or not? How did you handle the situation?
2. What harm can a counterfeit Christian do? Why is this?
3. Why doesn't doing Christian things make you a Christian? What does make you a Christian?
4. Have you ever had an egotistical view of yourself? What did that do for your self-image and ego? What happened to change this about yourself? What are some things to watch out for that points to this creeping into your thinking?
5. What makes pride so damaging? Why are we to remain humble? How to we truly possess a humble spirit?
6. Why is it important for baptism to follow belief?
7. Why does saving faith involve a decision of the will and not just an intellectual assent?
8. Why doesn't being baptized mean that you are saved?
9. How can you know you are really saved?
10. What did it mean for Peter and John to go to the Samaritans lay their hands on them to receive the Holy Spirit? Why didn't they immediately receive the Holy Spirit?
11. How do we view God as a genie in our world today?
12. How does this type of thinking creep into our beliefs? How do we recognize when this is occurring and get rid of it?
13. Why is it when we sin, it is an issue with our heart? What do we mean by this?
14. Do you have something you need to repent from? Are you willing to do this? Why or why not?
15. How does bitterness affect us?
16. When you repent, are you just trying to avoid punishment or are you truly remorseful of what you did?
17. Take time to examine yourself in light of 2 Corinthians 13:5 and Matthew 7:22-23.