

## **CVC Life Group & Personal Study Guide: Are You Naturally Supernatural? Text: Acts 8:1–25**

### **Opening Question**

“Have you ever experienced something you couldn’t explain naturally?”

Many people are fascinated with the supernatural.

But Acts 8 shows us the difference between:

- illusion and transformation
- spiritual appearance and true surrender
- counterfeit power and God’s power

### **Background Context**

Before Acts 8:

- Stephen was martyred
- the church was grieving
- persecution intensified
- Saul was imprisoning believers

Yet in the middle of fear and chaos, the Gospel spreads powerfully.

### **3. DISCUSSION — PARTS 1 & 2**

#### **PART 1 — Scattered but Still Faithful**

##### **Acts 8:1–4**

##### **Discussion Questions**

1. Why do you think persecution caused the church to grow instead of shrink?
2. Have you ever experienced a difficult season that later produced unexpected growth or purpose?
3. What does it mean to trust God when life feels “scattered”?
4. Why do you think comfort can sometimes delay obedience?

#### **PART 2 — Revival in Samaria**

##### **Acts 8:5–8**

##### **Discussion Questions**

1. Why was it significant that revival happened in Samaria?
2. What barriers still divide people today?
3. The passage says there was “great joy in that city.” What would spiritual renewal look like in our city/community?

4. Do you believe God still works supernaturally today? Why or why not?

#### **4. DISCUSSION — PARTS 3–5**

##### **PART 3 — Simon and Counterfeit Power**

**Acts 8:9–13**

##### **Discussion Questions**

1. What are modern forms of “counterfeit spirituality”?
2. Why are people often attracted to power, influence, or image?
3. What is the difference between being spiritual and truly following Jesus?
4. How can we tell when faith becomes more about appearances than transformation?

##### **PART 4 — The Holy Spirit Is for Everyone**

**Acts 8:14–17**

##### **Discussion Questions**

1. Why was this moment important for the early church?
2. What role does the Holy Spirit play in a believer’s life?
3. Why can programs, talent, or personality never replace the Holy Spirit?
4. How can we become more aware of God’s presence daily?

##### **PART 5 — God Looks at the Heart**

**Acts 8:18–25**

##### **Discussion Questions**

1. Why do motives matter so much to God?
2. What is “Simon Syndrome” in today’s culture or church?
3. Why is surrender harder than simply appearing spiritual?
4. What does genuine repentance look like?

#### **5. PRAYER & MINISTRY TIME**

Acts 8 reminds us that God still moves through ordinary surrendered people.

Take time to invite the Holy Spirit to speak personally.

##### **Closing Statement**

“The early church changed the world not because they were powerful people, but because they were surrendered people filled with the Holy Spirit.”