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Remembering the Forgotten God Viewer Guide Session 4: Why Do You Want Him?

Group Discussion:

1. Take a minute or two to write down a few possible motivations for desiring the Holy Spirit – both good and bad.
2. Can you detect hints of any of these motivations in your heart? If so, what do you think causes you to be motivated in that way?
3. Think about Simon's response in verses 18-19. Why do you think he wanted the Spirit?
4. Try to transfer this situation to our modern day. What would Simon's motivation look like if it were played out in American church today?
5. Have you seen any examples of this, whether in church in general, something you've experienced in the past, or (most importantly) in your own heart? If so, describe those examples.
6. Have you seen a person accomplish something amazing, yet receive all the glory for himself? What does that look like?
7. Have you seen a person accomplish something amazing, yet all the glory goes to God? What does that look like?
8. List a few of these "Less glamorous" ways that the Spirit's power can be manifested in a person's life.
9. Why should these things be seen as powerful manifestations of the Spirit?

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10. Practically, what does it look like to be led by the Spirit rather than trying to lead the Spirit for your purposes?

11. Being completely honest – do you really want to follow the Spirit, regardless of where He may lead you? Why, or why not?

12. Describe the difference between someone who pursues the Spirit for their own sake and someone who does so out of love for other people.

13. Spend some time in prayer. Ask God for the humility and love to speak honestly into the lives of the people around you. And as other people are honestly with you, ask the Spirit to work in your heart, removing the sinful thoughts and motivations and allowing you to grow and follow the Spirit for the benefit of those around you.