

The Heart of the Matter

12. Like the Jews in the synagogue who rejected Paul and His message, who are the people in our culture that are currently rejecting Jesus?

13. Who are the people in our society who are trying to use the name of Jesus for their own benefit and profit?

14. What do you need to “burn” in order to live completely for God? What might it cost you?

15. How are you encouraged or discouraged in seeing all that Paul is going through in this study?

Praises and Prayer Requests:



Life Group Study Guide

God at Work
Acts 19:1-20
For the Week of July 7, 2019

Getting Started

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?
2. How do you relate to those who you find to be insincere, phony, or misleading?
3. What did you go through when you finally gave your life to Christ emotionally? Intellectually? Spiritually?

Digging Deeper

4. Why was Paul so determined to go to Ephesus on his third missionary journey? (18:19-21)

5. The disciples that Paul encountered in Ephesus were well acquainted with the repentance associated with John's baptism. What kind of impact would having only this understanding about their faith have on these disciples? (John 1:19-34) What information about the gospel was missing for them?

6. Since Paul had the opportunity to teach them about Jesus (V4) and the Holy Spirit (V2), what can we learn about the relationship between having faith in Jesus and receiving the Holy Spirit? (2:38; 10:43-44)

7. Throughout the book of Acts what is the signal for Paul to stop teaching in a synagogue? (V9) What do these "stop and go" signals teach us about how we should approach ministry in general?

8. Compare verses 8-9 with verses 13-15. How do these two groups of Jews view Jesus differently? Some people don't want to hear about Jesus while others want to use His name for their advantage. How are people similar to these people today?

9. How would you describe what happened to the seven sons of Sceva when they encountered the demon possessed man? (V16) What does this tell us about the name of Jesus?

10. What was the reaction of the crowd concerning the name of Jesus in verses 17-19? How did the people of Ephesus respond in a real and tangible way to Paul's ministry there?

11. How was God using all this to continue the furtherance of His word?