

The Heart of the Matter

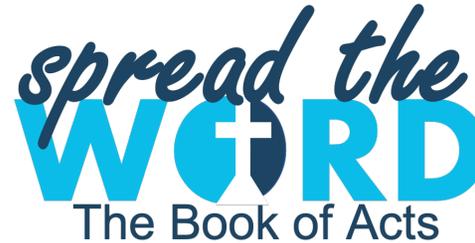
12. In our day, success, money, and independence are some cultural idols. What other modern day idols come to mind? What idols have you had to set aside in your walk with Christ?

13. Following Christ was affecting the pagan business related to the worship of Artemis. How is your faith in Christ affecting your business or work life?

14. In what way do you relate to the young man, Eutychus, who fell asleep during one of Paul's lengthy messages? What can you do to be alert as you worship on a Sunday morning?

15. What areas in Paul's life would you like to see more developed in your own life? How so?

Praises and Prayer Requests:



Life Group Study Guide

A Pastor's Heart
Acts 19:21-20:12

For the Week of July 14, 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. What is something that you made with your own hands that you are the most proud of?
3. What is the most embarrassing fall or wipeout you've ever made? Did anyone else see it?

Digging Deeper

4. Why would Demetrius rally people against Paul in verses 25-27? (17:24-29) Since this temple to Artemis was one of the seven wonders of the ancient world, what business would Paul be affecting?

5. What would the crowd's perspective be in verses 32-34? What do they see and hear? Why are they even there? Why would the Jews try to get a speaker to represent them?

6. In verses 35-41 how do the concerns of the city clerk and Demetrius compare? How did God use this city official, who probably was not a believer, to further God's ends? Does God still do this today? How so?

7. What was the purpose of Paul's trip to Macedonia in verse 20:1? (Romans 15:25-29) Why would Paul want companions to travel with him? (2 Corinthians 8:16-23; 1 Corinthians 16:1-4)

8. Why would Paul want these new Christians with him in Jerusalem? (See Acts 15)

9. What can we learn about the church in Troas based on this passage? (20:6-12) How would Eutychus' near death experience have affected this young church?

10. How is God sustaining Paul in all that he is experiencing on this third missionary trip? What are some specific things that God has done to preserve Paul's ministry and his very life throughout his ministry?

11. Up to this point in the book of Acts, what stands out the most to you concerning Paul's life and ministry? How does his life encourage you in your walk with Christ?