



ACTS CHAPTER 19 (FACILITATOR)

Discussion Starter

- What is the most difficult thing that you have had to ever learn? What made it difficult to learn and how did you learn it?
- **Opening Prayer**
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Tell the Story

Read the Story (Acts 19:1-41)

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Breaking it Down

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Acts 19:1-10

- Ephesus was not only the city that Paul spent most of his time in, but it was also a key city in Asia Minor for the following reasons.
 - Because of the trade that went through the city
 - Because of the games that took place in the city that are somewhat similar to our modern-day Olympics
 - Because of the tremendous pagan culture that was present within the city
 - For these reasons, Ephesus was by no means "an easy" city to minister and disciple in and yet, this is where Paul spent a majority of his time during the course of his missionary journeys.



- Why do you think he was led and chose to spend the majority of his time in Ephesus?
- How do you think Paul's actions should influence and impact how we choose to live as disciples today?
 - These are opinion and perspective questions so please listen as the facilitator.
- How did the disciples that Paul found demonstrate humility when they were presented with something other than John's baptism that was rooted in the Holy Spirit?
 - The disciples that Paul found were all in and they had great attitudes. They didn't resist or attempt to explain how what they had done was all that they needed. Rather, they submitted and surrendered themselves to what God said through Paul, although it was different than what they had heard and had been practicing.
 - How can you live a life that is more fully surrendered to God, even when what He is asking/telling you to do contradicts what you think, feel, and even want to do?
 - This is a perspective and opinion question so please listen as the facilitator.
- Why did Paul withdraw with his disciples in Acts 19:9 when some people became stubborn and continued in unbelief?
 - Paul understood that it was important to invest in people who actually wanted to listen and change. It wasn't that he was giving up on those who didn't want to listen and didn't want to change but he also understood that God had given him only so much time and that time was extremely valuable to him and he was going to seek to use it wisely.



Acts 19:11-20

- What does the story that is found in Acts 19:13-16 indicate about Jesus power' versus a human being's power and really any other power?
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- When are you tempted to use your own power and ability rather than relying on God's power and ability? What do you do during these times?
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- Why is what the new believers did in verses 18-20 so significant?
 - The new believers were willing to be real and transparent about who they were and what they were doing. They were also willing to make a clean break from their lifestyles to follow the way of Jesus. They didn't just give lip service to making a clean break. They followed through with their commitment to follow Jesus and it was both costly and sacrificial.
 - In what ways do you need to continue to make a clean break from your old ways/patterns of life to more fully follow Jesus?
 - What have you given up and what are you giving up to follow Jesus?
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Acts 19:21-41

- Why did Demetrius the silversmith and the other workmen view Christianity (the Way) as a threat?
 - The incomes and lifestyles of Demetrius and the other workmen were being greatly impacted and affected because the more people that became



Christians, the less people that needed Demetrius and the other workmen to craft idols and other things for them to worship Artemis.

- Are there any areas of your life that you are afraid of giving Jesus full access to? How do you handle those areas?
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Final Application

- What does this passage teach us about God?
- What does this passage teach us about mankind?
- What is a command to obey in this passage?
- What has God revealed in your life that needs changing?
- What truth can be applied to your life about the gospel?

Closing & Prayer Requests

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