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Acts 19:10-20

MESSAGE NOTES

Thursday, July 2  
Sunday, July 5

Introduction:

Acts 19:10-20 NASB

notes

<sup>10</sup>This took place for two years, so that all who lived in Asia heard the word of the Lord, both Jews and Greeks. <sup>11</sup>God was performing extraordinary miracles by the hands of Paul, <sup>12</sup>so that handkerchiefs or aprons were even carried from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them the evil spirits went out.

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God is the source of miracles. (Psalm 115:3)

<sup>13</sup>But also some of the Jewish exorcists, who went from place to place, attempted to name over those who had the evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, "I adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preaches." <sup>14</sup>Seven sons of one Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, were doing this. <sup>15</sup>And the evil spirit answered and said to them, "I recognize Jesus, and I know about Paul, but who are you?"

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The difference between knowing the name of Jesus and knowing Jesus.

The seven sons of Sceva wanted Jesus' authority without Jesus' lordship.

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<sup>16</sup>And the man, in whom was the evil spirit, leaped on them and subdued all of them and overpowered them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.

"The seven sons of Sceva became the seven streakers of Sceva." - Alistair Begg

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<sup>17</sup>This became known to all, both Jews and Greeks, who lived in Ephesus; and fear fell upon them all and the name of the Lord Jesus was being magnified. <sup>18</sup>Many also of those who had believed kept coming, confessing and disclosing their practices. <sup>19</sup>And many of those who practiced magic brought their books together and began burning them in the sight of everyone; and they counted up the price of them and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver. <sup>20</sup>So the word of the Lord was growing mightily and prevailing.

notes

Revival in Ephesus:

They heard the word preached. (v. 10)

They developed a holy fear of God. (v. 17)

They believed in Jesus as Lord and Savior (v. 18a)

They confessed their sins. (v. 18b)

They embraced their new identity. (v. 19)

They gave priority to the Word of God. (v. 20)

Do you know Jesus? What has changed? What needs to be confessed? What needs to be burned?

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## GROUP DISCUSSION

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Book of Acts: From Belief to Boldness

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Do you know Him?

Prayer Requests:

Group Discussion: Have you ever judged someone and then realized your impression was mistaken after getting to know them? Share more if you feel comfortable.

Read Aloud: Acts 19:10-20

1. According to verses 10–12, why is it important to remember that God—not Paul—is the source of every miracle? How does this keep us humble?
2. What mistake did the seven sons of Sceva make (vv. 13–16)? Why couldn't they simply use Jesus' name as a formula or incantation? What is the difference between knowing the name of Jesus and truly knowing Jesus? How would you explain that difference to someone else?
3. Verse 17 says that "fear fell upon them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was being magnified." What is a biblical fear of God? In verses 18–19, believers confessed their sins publicly and destroyed their magic books. Why do you think confession and repentance were essential parts of the revival?
4. The books represented an old identity and old way of life. What are some modern-day "magic books" that Christians may need to leave behind (habits, influences, possessions, relationships, entertainment, addictions, etc.)? Why do you think these believers willingly destroyed something so valuable instead of selling it? What does that teach us about repentance?
5. Verse 20 says that "the word of the Lord was growing mightily and prevailing." Why is God's Word always central to genuine transformation?