

The Foundation of the Church: “Built on Spiritual Understanding”
Acts 19
November 9, 2025

- I. Puzzle: Understanding spiritual discipleship (1-7)

- II. Pretenders: Understanding spiritual power (8-20)
 - A. Preaching power (8-10)
 - B. Miraculous power (11-12)
 - C. Pretend power (13-17)
 - D. Repentant power (18-19)
 - E. Word power (20)

- III. Pandemonium: Understanding spiritual worship (21-41)
 - A. Paul’s plans (21-22)
 - B. False gods and real greed (23-27)
 - C. False worship and real chaos (28-34)
 - D. False assembly and the real church (35-41)

LET’S GO DEEPER:

1. Paul meets “some disciples” in verses 1-7. What knowledge did they lack? How did Paul help them follow Jesus?
2. In verses 13-17, why are the sons of Sceva overpowered and humiliated by the evil spirit?
3. In verses 8-20, what is the source of spiritual power in the Christian life?
4. What do the Ephesian believers teach us about repentance in verses 18-19? Read Ephesians 2:1-10. What connections do you see between these texts?
5. In verses 21-41, what contrasts do you see between the people of God and the people of false gods?