

## TEXT: Acts 19

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- If you're not a member, go from attending to engaging by joining us for The Weekender on October 27 & 29, register at [redeemerchurch.com/events](https://redeemerchurch.com/events).
  - Our next Parent Commissioning will take place on November 19th, if you are a covenant member and would like to participate in this, you can register at [redeemerchurch.com/events](https://redeemerchurch.com/events).
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**Big Idea: There is something about that Name.**

**Ice Breaker: What are some names that trigger a memory for you? It could be a nickname, a character or celebrity?**

### **Questions**

#### **Read Acts 19:1-7**

- What was significant about Ephesus being the place Paul was at in this passage?
- What had not yet happened for the people in Ephesus?
- Why does Paul begin asking these disciples questions?
- In what ways do you feel like you can imitate what Paul is doing here by asking questions?
- Why had the Holy Spirit not yet come for the disciples in Ephesus?
- What do we learn about the Holy Spirit in this passage? How would you explain Holy Spirit to someone?

#### **Read v8-10**

- Paul was faithfully preaching the gospel for an extended period of time, yet the Jewish people still rejected it. Are there relationships in your life where you have been sharing the gospel for a long time? Why can it sometimes be tempting to give up on these relationships or not be as intentional with them?
- How does Paul's persistence to be a witness encourage you in those relationships?
- Brian Key mentioned that during the afternoons Ephesus rested as a community, and that Paul used that time to continue preaching the gospel. How have you been challenged to use your time wisely for the sake of making Jesus known to others?

#### **Read v11-20**

- What do we learn from the Jewish Exorcists in this passage? What were they trying to do?
- At the end of this passage, many of the people practicing magic burned their books. This is an act of repentance. How would you explain what repentance is to someone? What are some misconceptions you have had about repentance before?
  - "Repentance is the most dynamic inrush of the kingdom [of God] in ordinary history. When we repent, we enter the kingdom and the kingdom enters history in a little larger measure." - Richard Lovelace