

**Acts: O Church, Arise!**  
September 13, 2026 – Acts 19:8-20  
**What Are We Prepared For?**  
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**Message for today** – We cannot be prepared for everything, but we can prepare our Mind, Body, and Spirit the way God has told us and guides us too. Being prepared isn't about knowing the events of the day and having a bag prepared, but that when we march on the enemies' gates, we have our Lord in the lead and we follow each step.

vs 8-10 Paul is obedient to the calling on his life.

vs 11-12 Now God worked. God is the \_\_\_\_\_,  
God does \_\_\_\_\_, God does the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

vs 13-16 Evil spirits are real, there is a \_\_\_\_\_ world!

WHO ARE YOU???

Ephesians 6 13-17 Paul tells us to put on \_\_\_\_\_. We need to use it!!

vs 17-19 God did a \_\_\_\_\_!

vs 20 The word of the Lord prevailed \_\_\_\_\_.

**Small Group Discussion**  
Acts 19:8-20

**Key Thought:** The gospel doesn't merely give us new information about Jesus; when we truly respond to Him, it changes what we believe and how we live.

**Getting to Know Me** (7 – 8 minutes)

1. Have you ever come to believe that something you had always assumed was true was actually wrong? How did that affect you?
2. Can you think of a time when changing your mind about something actually led you to change what you did?

**What Does the Passage Say?** (8 – 10 minutes)

1. What does Paul do in verses 8-10, and how does he respond when some people oppose him?
2. What happens in verses 11-16? What is the difference between the way Paul uses the name of Jesus and the way the seven sons of Sceva use it?
3. What happens to the people in Ephesus in verses 17-20? What specific actions show that something has changed in them?

**What did It Mean Then?** (8 – 10 minutes)

1. What does this passage show us about who Jesus is and the authority of His name?
2. Why wasn't simply knowing or saying the name of Jesus enough for the seven sons of Sceva?
3. What do verses 18-20 teach us about what genuine repentance and faith look like?

**What Does This Mean for Us?** (10 – 15 minutes)

1. Is there a difference between knowing about Jesus and actually submitting to Jesus? What might that difference look like in everyday life?
2. What is something in your thinking, behavior, or priorities that Jesus may be calling you to change?
3. What is one specific step you could take this week in response to what you've seen in this passage?

**Closing Thought:** The people in Ephesus didn't merely hear the gospel – they responded to it. Their response affected what they believed, what they valued, and what they were willing to give up.

**Next Week: Acts 19:21-20:6**