



Episode 10: The Fight For Ephesus

Acts Chapters 19 & 20

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Small Group Discussion Questions

Getting Started

Take some time to catch up and connect as a group. Pray before discussion. Expect God to move through your time together!

Pacing Your Group

Move quickly through “observation” leaving enough time for “reflection”, “discussion”, and “surrender.”

Scripture Reading

Re-read the scripture passages as needed when you discuss the questions.

Observation: *What does this scripture passage say?*

Take some time to look up and read out loud together: Acts Chapter 19 & 20

1. What was the issue that Silversmith had with Paul and how did that effect the ministry?
2. What was it that Paul encouraged the Elders at the Church at Ephesus to do?

Reflection and Discussion: *What are some first thoughts flowing from the scriptures?*

How do the scriptures connect to everyday life.

3. What is the difference here between “John’s Baptism” and “Jesus’ Baptism”? What does baptism testify to what the Holy Spirit has done in the life of someone who believes the Gospel?
4. Paul changed the method of engaging people with the Gospel message. What creative ways have you seen the Gospel shared?
5. The “Seven sons of Sceva” (19:14) were showing what a counterfeit Christianity could look like. How do you know if something is “Counterfeit Christianity”?
6. In Sunday’s sermon Scott said from 19:23-29 that we should expect chaos, resistance, and difficulties when we step into God’s plan. How do you endure the challenge that you face as you walk in faith?
7. Paul said in 20:24 “I do not consider my life of any account as dear to myself, so that I may finish my course and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify solemnly of the gospel of the grace of God.” How does this relate to the definition of humility that says, “Humility is not thinking less of yourself, but thinking of yourself less...”?

Surrender: *Responding to God’s voice.*

8. What is one thing God is saying to you through this study and discussion?

**** Take some time to pray for one another in response to what has been discussed today ****

We’re here!

We would love to hear about how things are going in your life group!
Reach out any time with questions, ideas, thoughts, or concerns.

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A primary resource in compiling these questions has been the *NIV Life Application Study Bible* (Zondervan, 1984) and the *Serendipity Bible for Groups* (Zondervan, 1998)