

8. How would you like to see God's power displayed in a movement toward righteousness in your community?

Sermon Notes

"When a Movement Toward Righteousness Overtakes a City"

Acts 19:8-41

March 31, 2019

Let's Pray:

Praise God for His power over magic and victory over illness, evil spirits, and ungodly economic interests. Pray for new converts and those who train them, asking that they might all clearly understand and explain the gospel.

For our missionaries:

Mike and Patty King - Red River Youth for Christ, Fargo, ND
Pray for Mike King and staff in their work that they would have strength to meet the kids needs and encourage them in the Lord.

Growth Group Homework

For the week of 03-31-19

Questions adapted from Phyllis J. Le Peau, Acts: Seeing God's Power in Action, A LifeGuide Bible Study, InterVarsity Press, Downers Grove, IL, 2002, pp. 59; James Galvin, ed., et al., New Testament Lesson Maker, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 1992, pp. 212-213; Karen Lee-Thorp, ed., Acts: Life Change Series, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 1987, pp. 165-170.

Getting Started:

1. What aspects of your former life-style did you have to give up when you became serious about being a Christian?

Digging Deeper:

Read Acts 19:8-41.

2. What impresses you about the lifestyle of Paul and the disciples in Ephesus? How can you adopt their attitudes? Ask God for strength and guidance.
3. Why couldn't Jesus' name be invoked to magically cast out demons (19:13-16)? What else is necessary for the name to be effective?

4. How might a Christian use "in Jesus' name" in his prayers with a wrong attitude that approaches magical invocation? How should Acts 19:13-16 help us interpret John 14:13-14?
5. The Ephesians publically confessed their deeds (19:18). What is the value of public confession? When should we confess publically, and when should we keep it private?
6. Why was it important for the Ephesians to burn their magical scrolls (19:17-20)? Is there anything you should destroy or get rid of?
7. Why do you think the gospel so often conflicts with people's economic interests? What kinds of businesses does it threaten? How should Christians deal with people whose livelihoods are threatened by the gospel?