



Oakwood

CHURCH

May 23 Discussion Questions

“Spread the Word”

Acts 19

Preview

*“This continued for two years, so that **all the residents of Asia** heard the word of the Lord, both Jews and Greeks... So the word of the Lord continued to increase and prevail mightily.”*
Acts 19:10,20

How to reach Everyone around us:

1. Commit Everything to Jesus (v. 1,5,17-19)

2. Commission all Believers as Evangelists (v. 1,6, 20-22)

“From one man he made all the people of the world. Now they live all over the earth. He decided exactly when they should live. And he decided exactly where they should live. God did this so that people would seek him.” Acts 17:26-27, NIRV

3. Communicate the Gospel Everywhere you can (v. 8-10,17)

“Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can.” John Wesley

Connect

1. Did you grow up in the country, the city, or the suburbs? What did you like about the area you grew up in? How has this influenced where you live or would like to live today?

2. The life of a farmer is usually hard and laborious. Why do you think that is? What things can he control and what things does God alone control? How does this apply to the task of evangelism?

Pray & Read Acts 19:1-10; 16-22

Discuss & Apply

3. What city did Paul go to in Acts 19? Why was it strategic to prioritize his ministry to the city?
4. What evidence from the passage shows that God was already working when Paul arrived in Ephesus?
5. Have you recently found God to be working and preparing something for you to join Him in?
6. Why is it better to join God where He is working than to ask God to join you where you are working? Do you have any positive or negative examples from your life to confirm this?
7. We learn these twelve men needed to be baptized in the name of Jesus. Why is baptism significant? What does it mean theologically? When were you baptized?
8. What happened to the seven sons of Sceva? What resulted in the city of Ephesus?
9. Their healthy fear of God produced confession, repentance, and sacrifice. Which of these do you think tends to be the most difficult to produce from a believer? Why?
10. What might God be calling you to confess, repent of, or sacrifice? This could be something small or big.
11. What difference does it make for you to be commissioned by God and your church to be an evangelist wherever you go? How does this proposition make you feel?
12. Who has God placed in your "circle of influence" to influence with the Gospel? Where are you at in the process?
 - a. Cultivating the relationship
 - b. Planting seeds of the Gospel
 - c. Reaping a harvest when ready
13. What is your one applicational takeaway from this passage and discussion? What is God calling you to do?

Prayer

Pray for God to empower and equip you to fulfill with obedience your one applicational takeaway from this time.

Oakwood Prayer Focus

Ministry Focus: Pray our graduates will have wisdom as they face the transitions ahead of them.

Personal Focus: Pray God will use us to reach all the residents of Tampa Bay with the Word of the Lord.