

**Life Together Group Questions**  
**January 17, 2016**  
**Acts 19:11-20**

1. Read vss. 11-12. How is this similar to what takes place in Luke 7:1-10; 8:43-48; Acts 5:12-16? How is it different?
2. What has been your experience of seeing the Lord display His power in and through the life of believers? Has it served to advance the gospel? If so how?
3. Read vss. 13-16. How is this similar to Luke 8:26-38 and Acts 8:18-23? How is it different?
4. Have you ever encountered someone you thought was demon possessed? How did you deal with it?
5. What resources has God given believers in spiritual conflict with Satan and his forces? (see Luke 4:1-13; Eph. 6:10-18; James 4:7; 1 Jn. 5:18; Rev.12:11)
6. Have you ever encountered anyone who was using Jesus' name as a charm to get what they wanted?
7. How do we find the balance of taking Jesus at His word to pray in His name and to not make Him our genie or cosmic Santa Claus?
8. The response to the mishap with the seven sons of Sceva was fear and honoring Jesus name (vs.17). Was that an appropriate response for these people?
9. Confession of deeds was also a result (vs.18) Why can confession be very helpful for the believer? What promises are there for the believer in confession of sin? (James 5:16; 1 Jn.1:9)
10. Why is confession scary for believers?
11. What kind of atmosphere does there need to be in a church community in order for confession to be safe and healthy? (Gal. 6:1-3)
12. Some of these believers got rid of books that were about practicing "sorcery," lit. "curious or worthless arts." Are there some things you might need to divest yourself of because it is having a negative impact on your relationship with Christ? (Heb. 12:1) If so, how do you plan to do it? Is there something hindering you from doing it?
13. What encouragement do you take from this passage?
14. How does this passage help you take another step in Pursuing Jesus?
15. How does this passage help equip you to serve Christ and His body?
16. How does this passage help you share Christ with others that need to know Him?
17. What is a question that was not asked about this passage that you would like to ask?

**SERMON OUTLINE:**

- The Name of Jesus Authenticated (vvs. 11-12)
- The Name of Jesus Exploited (vvs. 13-16)
- The Name of Jesus Honored (vvs. 17-20)