

Life Together Group Questions

January 24, 2016

Acts 19:21-41

1. In vss. 21-22 it seems that Paul's plan was to go to Macedonia, Achaia, Jerusalem and then Rome. What seems to be Paul's purposes in this plan? (See Romans 15:20-28)
2. We will see that as things develop, Paul will go to Rome but it does not take place as he thought it would. What is your experience of knowing the Lord is taking you somewhere but getting there by an unexpected path? What is the lesson to be learned in this experience?
3. Read vss. 23-31. What do you notice about the timing of this incident? From a perspective of spiritual warfare what might we surmise? (See Eph. 6:10-13)
4. What was the initial concern of Demetrius and company? Where have we seen this before? (Acts 16:16-21) Is there a modern day equivalent where the influence of the Gospel interrupts income? What might the solution be for these folks?
5. These Ephesian Artisans and others were concerned with the degradation of the majesty of Artemis and greatly identified with her as part of their own identity. How do we reach people groups today with the Gospel who have a similar sense of identification with their own religion and or nationality?
6. Some object that we are taking away a people group's culture by introducing the Gospel to them. Why is important to understand the poor spiritual state people are in without Christ? (see Eph. 2:1-3)
7. From Romans 1:20-23, what glory or credit was Artemis usurping from the Living God?
8. As you read vs. 34, what was the atmosphere like in that theater? What do you think would have happened if Paul did enter to address the crowd? (see vss. 30-31) As Christians, do we need to address every conflict head on?
9. In vss. 35-41, what was the impact of the City Clerk? How is this similar to Corinth? (Acts 18:12-17)
10. What do we learn about God's provision in these two incidents?
11. What is Scripture's perspective on being a "trouble maker?" (Matt. 5:11; Acts 5:29; 1 Pet. 4:14; Jn. 15:18-21; Lk. 6:26) When was the last time you were a "trouble maker?"
12. What encouragement do you take from this passage?
13. How does this passage help you take another step in Pursuing Jesus?
14. How does this passage help equip you to serve Christ and His body?
15. How does this passage help you share Christ with others that need to know Him?
16. What is a question that was not asked about this passage that you would like to ask?

SERMON OUTLINE:

- Plans For Kingdom Advancement (vvs. 21-22)
- Problem Of Kingdoms In Conflict (vvs. 23-34)
- Provision Of A Pagan Peacekeeper (vvs. 35-41)