

Acts 19:21-41

January 19

Have you ever been in a protest march or a mob scene? What happened? What was it like?

Setting the Context (Acts 19:21-22)

1. How does Paul's reliance on the Holy Spirit guide his planning? How can we apply this to our decision-making?

The Riot in Ephesus (Acts 19:23-27)

2. Why did the silversmith Demetrius feel threatened by Paul's teachings?

3. What does this passage teach us about the relationship between economic interests and religious beliefs?

4. How do modern-day idols or economic systems conflict with the gospel today?

The Reaction of the Crowd (Acts 19:28-34)

5. Why did the crowd become so enraged? What role did mob mentality play in their actions?

6. In what ways can we guard against being swept up in cultural or societal trends that conflict with our faith?

The Role of the City Clerk (Acts 19:35-41)

7. How did the city clerk bring order to the chaotic situation? What leadership qualities can you learn from his approach?

8. What does his defense of legal procedures teach about addressing conflict and disputes wisely?

9. How does this account show God's sovereignty in protecting His mission and His people?