

Acts 19:8-22

Paul in Ephesus

November 17

1. What experiences have you ever had with Ouija boards, astrology, tarot cards, and the like?

2. What impresses you about the lifestyle of Paul and the disciples in Ephesus? How can we adopt their attitudes? Personal Response

3. From what you know about the people of Ephesus Vv 17-20, can you think of a reason why God worked healings and exorcisms through Paul Vv 11-12? If so, explain. Personal Response

4. Exactly what is wrong with magic? Why do you think God hates it so much? Why couldn't Jesus' name be invoked to magically cast out demons Vv13-16?

5. Look at the impact of Paul's ministry in Ephesus, including the exorcism of the seven sons of Sceva Vv13-20. How does this event showcase the power of the Gospel and the reality of spiritual warfare?

6. The power of Jesus' name convinced many Ephesians to abandon their vane way of seeking what they wanted. How is Jesus' power still at work among us, convincing unbelievers to give up their useless strategies? Personal Response

7. How might a Christian use "in Jesus' name" in their prayer with a wrong attitude that approaches magical invocation? Personal Response How should Acts 19:13-16 help us understand John 14:13-14?

8. What implications does this passage have for understanding the importance of relying on the Holy Spirit in our lives and ministries? Personal Response