



WORK OF THE SPIRIT

Acts Chapter 19

Lesson 16

FIRST DAY: Review and Overview

1. In what way did the Lord minister to you from Acts Chapter 18?
2. Ephesus was a city rife with demonic activity. Simply being acquainted with the name of Jesus or having a scant knowledge of His story was not enough to survive the opposition. Paul immediately recognized the need for the disciples to be established in Christ and filled with the Holy Spirit.

The world we live in is also rife with both visible and invisible opposition. Our spiritual survival depends on being filled with the Holy Spirit and immersed in Jesus Christ! Read Acts Chapter 19 and briefly summarize the events of each section:

- a. Acts 19:1-10
 - b. Acts 19:11-20
 - c. Acts 19:21-27
 - d. Acts 19:28-41
3. Begin this week's lesson with prayer asking God to fully establish you in the name of Jesus Christ.

When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Acts 19:5

SECOND DAY: Read Acts 19:1-10

1. According to Acts 18:24-27, Apollos had left Ephesus and gone to Corinth in the region of Achaia. *While Apollos was at Corinth, what did Paul do?* Acts 19:1
 - a. Record the question Paul asked the *disciples* he found at Ephesus. Acts 19:2a
 - b. From Acts 19:2b-3 note and comment on the rest of Paul's dialogue with these *disciples*.
2. Use Acts 19:4a to explain *John's baptism*.
 - a. Who was John the Baptist pointing to? Acts 19:4b
 - b. Comment on how these men responded to Paul's message. Acts 19:5
3. According to Acts 19:7, there were twelve men *in all*. What happened when Paul *laid hands on them*? Acts 19:6
 - a. Link this with Acts 11:17-18 to remark on the significance of this event.
4. What did Paul do for *three months*? Acts 19:8
 - a. Where did he conduct this activity?
5. What did Paul do when some *did not believe, but spoke evil of the Way*? Acts 19:9b
 - a. Comment on the result? Acts 19:10
6. Why do you think Paul spent so much time in Ephesus?

THIRD DAY: Read Acts 19:11–20

1. From Acts 19:11–12 remark on the *unusual miracles* God performed.
 - a. Describe the activity of the *Jewish exorcists*. Acts 19:13
 - (1) Observe that they *took it upon themselves* to do this. How does this differ from a work of the Spirit? See also Zechariah 4:6.
2. What happened to the *seven sons of Sceva*? Acts 19:14–16
 - a. What was so dangerous about what the *sons of Sceva* tried? See also 1 Peter 5:8.
 - (1) How is this a warning to you?
 - b. According to Ephesians 6:11–17, what protection is essential for such an encounter?
3. Use Acts 19:17–20 to note and comment on the response to this incident:
 - a. verse 17
 - b. verse 18
 - (1) Link this with John 16:8 and share your thoughts.
 - c. verse 19
 - d. verse 20
4. What do you find most intriguing about God's work among the Ephesians?

FOURTH DAY: Read Acts 19:21-27

1. After *these things were accomplished*, what did Paul purpose? Acts 19:21
 - a. Use Romans 1:11-12 to highlight Paul's underlying desire.
 - b. While Paul remained in Asia, what did he direct Timothy and Erastus to do? Acts 19:22
2. What happened *about that time*? Acts 19:23
 - a. The early Christians often identified themselves as *the Way*. What do you find noteworthy about this identification? See also John 14:6.
3. Use Acts 19:24 to record your impression of Demetrius.
4. What did Demetrius tell his fellow *craftsmen*? Acts 19:25-26
 - a. What does his message indicate about the power of the Gospel? See also 1 Thessalonians 1:9.
5. What was Demetrius' real concern? Acts 19:27
6. In light of the powerful opposition of the *craftsmen*, why was it essential the believers be filled with the Spirit?

FIFTH DAY: Read Acts 19:28–41

1. Summarize the response of Demetrius' *companions* to the threat of the Gospel. Acts 19:28
 - a. What effect did this have on the *whole city*? Acts 19:29

2. What happened *when Paul wanted to go in to the people*? Acts 19:30–31

3. Comment on the attitude of the crowd. Acts 19:32

4. Alexander was chosen to speak on behalf of the unbelieving Jews (Acts 19:33). How did the *multitude* react? Acts 19:34

5. Use Acts 19:35–41 to answer the following:
 - a. What did the *city clerk* say once he had *quieted the crowd*? Acts 19:35

 - b. What was his appeal? Acts 19:36

 - c. What did he point out about the *disciples*? Acts 19:37

 - d. What was the counsel of the *city clerk*? Acts 19:38–39

 - e. What warning did he give before *he dismissed the assembly*? Acts 19:40

6. How do you see God's hand in this precarious situation?

