

“Journeys With Paul”
Lesson Nine: A Riot in Ephesus

Read Acts 19:1 - 41

Understanding the Text

1. Where is Ephesus and what do we know about this city?
2. Paul finds disciples at Ephesus. What is the most likely explanation for how there came to be disciples in Ephesus.
3. Why do these disciples need to be “baptized in the name of Jesus?”
4. Why does Paul impart the power of the Holy Spirit on these disciples?
5. Why does Paul withdraw to the school of Tyrannus? What do we know about the school of Tyrannus?
6. Describe the extent of the miracles God is performing in Ephesus.
7. Who are the seven sons of Sceva, what happens to them and why?
8. What does Paul purpose in the Spirit to do and what does it mean to “purpose in the spirit?”

9. What is the “no small disturbance” that occurs concerning The Way?
10. What happens in the theater at Ephesus and how does Paul respond?
11. Who is Alexander and how is he involved in this uproar in Ephesus?
12. How does the town clerk finally end the uproar in Ephesus?

Applying the Text

- List all the statements in Acts 19 that demonstrate the impact Paul and the gospel have in Ephesus?
- What keys about persuading people to obey the gospel are revealed in the events at Ephesus?
- What does Luke mean by the phrase “The Way” in verse 23 (N.A.S.B). Has he used this phrase before? Is it used any other times in the Bible?
- Why do you think the Holy Spirit, writing through Luke, leaves us the account of the uproar at Ephesus?