

Study Notes and Questions for Acts 19 (Part 2) :8-41

- Why did Paul start his time in any area by reaching out to the Jews?
- At what point did Paul stop reaching out to the Jews and what insights does this give us about witnessing to others?
- We learn that Ephesus was a place where spiritism and pagan worship practices were rampant. Why do you think God hates spiritism and witchcraft so much?
- Why was it significant for the Ephesians to burn their scrolls and books about magic once they got saved?
- How might a Christian use “in the name of Jesus” in his or her prayers with a wrong attitude that resembles a magical invocation?
- Why couldn't Jesus' name be invoked to magically cast out demons (see 19:13–16)? What else is necessary for His name to be effective?
- What are some possible drawbacks of a ministry that overemphasizes miracles? How did Paul keep his ministry in balance?
- Why were the Ephesian silversmiths against Paul (see 19:23–27)?
- How was this reason similar to the one that set some Philippians against Paul and Silas (see 16:16–21)?
- Why do you think the gospel so often conflicts with people's economic interests?
- What does 19:23–41 contribute to the story of Acts as a whole? How does it reflect the themes of Acts?