

Bible Study: The Birth of the Ephesian Church

Acts 19:1-20

Read Acts 19:1-7

1. What does Paul's first question reveal about his priorities in ministry?
2. What was the difference between John's baptism and Christian baptism?
3. What signs accompanied the coming of the Holy Spirit in this passage?

Read Acts 19:8-10

1. Why did Paul leave the synagogue?
2. What was significant about teaching daily in the Hall of Tyrannus?
3. What impact did Paul's teaching ministry have on the wider region?
4. Are we more committed to spiritual formation or spiritual inspiration?

Acts 19:11-20

In the sermon I skimmed over this because we had children present and I didn't have time to go into the story of the seven sons of Sceva in any depth. But this is a pivotal story in the birth of the church in Ephesus.

Notice the progression:

- God's power was demonstrated.
- Conviction fell upon the people.
- Sin was confessed.
- Idolatry was abandoned.
- The Word of God spread.

Read Acts 19:11-20

1. What differences do you see between authentic faith and mere religious activity?
2. What was the evil spirit's response to the sons of Sceva? (v. 15)
3. Why did the spirit acknowledge Jesus and Paul but not them? What does this reveal about spiritual authority?
4. How did the people of Ephesus react when they heard about what happened? (v. 17)
5. Why is confession an important part of spiritual growth?



6. What does the burning of the scrolls teach us about repentance?
7. How is biblical repentance different from simply feeling sorry?
8. What might God be calling me to openly confess, surrender, or remove?