

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

Acts 19:11-22

Playing with Fire

Background

Read 19:1-10. Briefly summarize Paul's ministry in Ephesus. What were the results? (v. 10)

Digging In

1. **Read Ac 19:11-12.** How was the power of the Holy Spirit manifested in the ministry of Paul?
2. How does Luke draw a parallel between the ministries of Peter and Paul? (cf. Ac 5:15) Why do you think Luke does this?
3. **Read vss. 13-16.** How did the 7 sons of Sceva try to imitate what Paul was doing? Why do you think they did this?
4. What happened to them as a result?
5. Give an example of spiritual imposters today.
6. **Read vss. 17-20.** How did the people of Ephesus respond?
7. In your own words, what does it mean to hold the name of the Lord Jesus in high honor?
8. What did their newfound fear of the Lord lead them to do?
9. What was the result in terms of the evangelization of Asia?
10. **Read vss. 21-22.** What does Luke tell us about Paul's plans and itinerary in these verses?



Getting Personal

- In what ways were Paul's character and behavior radically different than that of today's prosperity preachers?
(cf. Lk 14:11; Ac 10:24; Phil 1:20-21; Phil 4:10-13)
- What lessons can we learn from the seven sons of Sceva?
- What can we learn about the fear of the Lord from Isaiah 6:1-7?
- In practical terms, what does it mean to live in the fear of the Lord? (cf. Prov 1:7; 3:7; 8:13; 14:2)

- Is there anything in your life that needs to be thrown into the fire?