Questions for Reflection and Discussion

Introducing Ephesians

Acts 19 • Eph 1:1-2

Background

Paul briefly visited Ephesus at the end of his 2nd missionary journey (Acts 18:18-22). It was on his 3rd journey that he spent more than two years in Ephesus.

Digging In

1. **Read Acts 19:8-10**. Where did Paul start his ministry in Ephesus? What difficulties did he experience there?

2. How did Paul respond to the opposition of some in the synagogue?

3. What was the result of Paul's ministry in Ephesus?

4. **Read Acts 19:11-22**. How did God use Paul in an extraordinary way in Ephesus?

5. What was the problem with what the seven sons of Sceva were doing? What happened to them?

6. How did the Jews and Greeks respond when they heard about it?

7. What impact did this have on the spread of the gospel?

8. **Read Acts 19:23-41**. What problem arose because of Paul's preaching? How did the city clerk resolve the issue?

9. What do we learn about the religious beliefs of the people in Ephesus from Acts 19?

10. **Read Eph 1:1-2**. How does Paul address the believers in Ephesus?

Getting Personal

- What do you think the writer of Hebrews means in Hebrews 10:14 when he says "by one sacrifice he [Christ] has made perfect forever those who are being made holy"?

- In what sense are we already holy? In what sense are we being made holy?

- Do you think of yourself as a saint? Why or why not?

- Why does it matter how we think of ourselves?