

*Questions for Reflection and Discussion*  
**Acts 19:23-41**  
*A War of Words*

***Background***

Read Ac 19:10 and 20. Describe the impact and extent of Paul's ministry in Ephesus.

***Digging In***

1. **Read Ac 19:23-27.** Who was Demetrius and why was he upset?
2. How did he go about rallying the silversmiths and other tradesmen against Christians? What were his main arguments?
3. What was his main motivation?
4. **Read vss. 28-31.** How did the people respond when Demetrius claimed that the worship of Artemis was being threatened?
5. How did Paul try to intervene? Why wasn't he able to do so?
6. **Read vss. 32-34.** Why do you think the Jews wanted Alexander to speak on their behalf? Was he able to do so? Explain.
7. **Read vss. 35-41.** How was the crowd finally calmed?
8. What were the city clerk's main arguments as he tried to calm the crowd?
9. Read God's critique of idols in Isaiah 44:9-20. How does this passage apply to the Ephesians?



***Getting Personal***

- How does this passage testify to the impact of Paul's ministry in Ephesus?
- How does Luke show that Paul and the other Christians were not guilty of any crimes against the Roman government?
- How was the Christians' behavior an example of 1 Pet 3:15-16?
- How might the preaching of the gospel today be a threat to certain commercial interests?
- How can we follow the disciples' example of courageous persuasive preaching and respect for duly appointed authority?