

## **Acts 19**

### **Observation Questions, "What does the passage say?"**

#### **Acts 19:1-28**

1. What does Paul find in Ephesus?
2. What does he ask them? What is their response?
3. Where they baptized? What kind of baptism?
4. How does Paul describe John's baptism?
5. Into what does Paul baptize the men? What happens to them?
6. How many men were there?
7. What else does Paul do in Ephesus? How is he received? How long does he stay?
8. What kinds of miracles does God perform through Paul?
9. What happens to the seven sons of Sceva? What happens as a result?
10. What kinds of conversions are described? What do the practitioners of magic do?
11. Where does Paul go from Ephesus? Where does he want to go?
12. Describe the events surrounding Demetrius and Artemis

### **Interpretation: What does this passage mean?**

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1. The disciples in Ephesus point out the nature of things during this time of history. Information did not travel as quickly as it does today, and there is a lag in time for these believers. It highlights the transitional nature of the book of Acts and the importance of the gift of tongues. Compare this with the accounts in Acts 2:4, 8:14; & 10:44. In light of these instances what is the importance of the gift of tongues both in the early church and for today?
2. Some believe that this teaches a second blessing. We receive Christ, and then at a later time we receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit. What are your thoughts about this? Look up 1 Corinthians 12-14.
3. This passage calls Christians "the Way." This title is given to Christianity here in 19:9 and 23; 9:2; 22:4. Any ideas as to why this became a name for Christianity?
4. What do you make of the handkerchief phenomena?
5. Why is the story about exorcism included in the narrative?

### **Application: What does the passage mean to me?**

#### **Acts 19:1-28**

1. What does this passage teach us about sharing faith with unbelievers?
2. What risks are you willing to take in sharing your faith?
3. What is miraculous in your life experience?
4. What superstitions do you harbor? How should you deal with them?