

LIFE GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS

Acts Series

These questions are for the **November 15, 2020** sermon, “And This Became Known.” Please read the sermon passage (Acts 19:11-20) together out loud.

Sermon Outline

AS THE NAME OF JESUS IS PROCLAIMED, NOTE . . .

1. The evidence of God’s power. (11-12)
 - a. God was healing the sick through Paul.
 - i. The work of God always testifies to the Word of God.
 - ii. Miraculous signs always point to the identity and authority of Jesus Christ.
 - b. Even in large and seemingly godless or irreligious settings, God has all authority.
2. The subtleties of God’s opponents. (13-16)
 - a. The enemy attempts to mimic God’s work without God.
 - i. Itinerant, Jewish exorcists (religious appearance, displays of imitated power).
 - ii. Even their words will seem to ring almost true or mostly true. Be on alert.
 - b. Many will copy the earthly ministry of God’s kingdom, attempting to lead people astray.
 - c. The false, evil realm will eventually turn on (deceive) itself, destroying itself.
3. The impact of God’s Word. (17-20)
 - a. God will glorify himself even in large, dark, urban settings—through faithful ministry.
 - b. The name of Jesus Christ will be extolled, or lifted high.
 - c. The more substitutes are offered, the more the genuine Jesus will be treasured.
 - d. Their words will be destroyed (13-16), but God’s Word will increase and prevail (20)

Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: We do not doubt that God does miracles today. However, we examine claims of miracles because the evil one often tries to counterfeit or imitate God’s power. Where there are counterfeit miracles there are counterfeit prophets. True miracles from God come to prove the identity of Jesus Christ and increase the ministry of his Word. Discuss.
2. Based on #1, above: God has all the authority in Sheboygan, Milwaukee, Chicago and Washington, DC. He will cause his Word to prevail mightily as Jesus is proclaimed “Messiah,” “Anointed,” “Reigning King.” In what ways is your confidence in the authority of God growing, despite the presence and publicity of false claims and weak imitations?
3. Based on #2, above: There are many religious, superstitious, 5-minutes-off-the-hour, itinerant ministers of a false gospel present in the world today. Paul did not concern himself with these false ministers. How did these false ministers fall? How will they fall in our generation? What should faithful ministers be focusing on? (NOTE: proclaiming Jesus the Messiah!)
4. Based on #3, above: What challenges are you facing in ministering the Word today? Is there anything intimidating in the ministry to which God has called you? How are you overcoming that intimidation? What is the ultimate result of faithful Christ-centered ministry (20)?
5. The name of the Lord is lifted high forever. Discuss.