



Acts: The Birth of the Church in the World - Week 10: The Kingdom of God

Acts 19: 8-20

Discussion Questions for September 13th, 2026

1. (IceBreaker) In our passage we saw miraculous healings take place. Have you ever witnessed a recovery from illness or disease or cancer that seemed like a miracle? Share a story or two with the group.
2. **Main Idea: The Kingdom of God > The Kingdom of Darkness.** How comfortable are you using phrases like "kingdom of God" and "kingdom of darkness"? Do your Christian friends talk or pray that way? Why or why not, do you think?
3. Read Ephesians 6:10-13 together. This was written to the church in Ephesus where Paul stayed for 2 years in Acts 19. When you look at Ephesians 6:14 - 17, how good are you at preparing for each day with these weapons and armor?
4. **Point #1: The Kingdom's Word Is Greater.** Paul spent two years teaching and reasoning with people in Ephesus. What does his persistence tell us about the importance of simply being faithful with God's Word?
5. **Point #2: The Kingdom's Power Is Greater.** Pastor Shaen used the words "prescribing" and "describing" when talking about the miraculous healings. Have someone repeat and explain his point with your group so that it's very clear. Are there other places in Scripture that seem to "describe" and not to "prescribe"?
6. **Point #3: The Kingdom's King Is Greater.** There's an old gospel song that goes, "Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, there's just something about that name." When the name was used by the seven sons of Sceva, why didn't it work? Is it just about the name, like a magic incantation? Reference Mark 16:17 and Luke 10:17. Who is using Jesus' name in those passages?

7. If you found yourself in the perilous position of facing a demon-possessed person, what would the demon say about your reputation? What would you like the demon to say? What would need to happen to gain that new reputation?
8. **Point #4: The Kingdom's Effects Are Greater.** Why is bringing sin into the light so powerful? What makes authentic Christian community necessary for that process? Do you have this kind of community?
9. Pray that we broaden our perspective to see ourselves as part of a powerful Kingdom that is greater than all others. Pray that we dedicate ourselves to following Jesus the King in all aspects of our lives.