

CP – 2/4/24

Acts 19:8-20: Out, Out, Out

Sermon Outline

1. The Lord's Word moves out into all Asia. (8-10)

***Who will hear the gospel from you?

2. The Lord's power goes out through Paul. (11-12)

***Do we meet people where they are? Are we a channel?

3. The Lord's Name is magnified when a demon drives out religious pretenders. (13-17)

- They had no authority because they weren't in Christ, nor connected to him.

(We are! Eph 2:4-7)

- No relationship, no authority!

- Christ will not be the means to anyone's end!

- Even the demons can be used by God for his purposes!

- Judas heard every sermon Jesus preached. He saw every miracle Jesus did.

***Do we try to use Jesus as a means to our end? Do we know Him,
and are we known by Him?

4. The Lord's light and truth wins out over sin and darkness. (19:18-20)

- These were already believers.

- Private things in our life that we must submit to Christ and realize He is Lord of all! Burning the secret influences! Breaking once and for all with the secret strongholds and sin!

***Is there anything in your life in the dark that needs to come to light, to be exposed and confessed? To God? To others? To our brothers and sisters?

Small Group Discussion Questions:

1. How did the Holy Spirit use the Bible passage and sermon? What stood out to you?
2. What was Paul's strategy in Ephesus? How did he use his spare time? Where did the gospel spread, and why must we consider God's perfect timing in all things?
3. Discuss the miracles that God did through Paul. What was so unique about the way in which God was working? Why? What was the purpose of the signs?
4. Discuss the incident with the demon and the sons of Sceva. What was ironic about the demon's response? What was the exorcists' problem? How do people (we) try to use Jesus as a means to our end? What was the outcome?
5. What was significant about the burning of magic books in 18-20? Who were these people? Why should we deal with secret sin in our lives? Is there anything you need to confess to your small group and ask for prayer? Feel free to discuss.