

“Road Trip – Postcards from Acts”

Ephesus

Acts 19

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Study Questions designed for you, your family, friends or small group

1. What has been your favorite postcard this summer? Leaf through your Bible from Acts 15 through 18 to review the postcard.
2. We meet Paul on his 3rd road trip. He’s just returned from Antioch, his sending church, and he is making his way back visiting some of the churches he started. Before he arrives in Ephesus, we are introduced to a man named Apollos. What do we know about him from Acts 18:24-28?
3. What principle can we glean from how Priscilla and Aquila interacted with Apollos in verse 26?
4. When Paul arrives in Ephesus who does he meet? What do we know about these men (verses 19:1-7)? Do you think they were believers when he met them? Why or why not? Look up John 1:26-33 to understand the difference between John and Jesus’ baptism.
5. When Paul begins his ministry in the synagogue he was maligned (verse 9), but in verse 17 we read that “the name of the Lord Jesus was held in high honor.” What happened in Ephesus that helps explain the change of opinion?
6. Why did Paul move to Tyrannus’ Hall? What do you think was the nature of his daily discussions in that place?
7. Where in Madison would you find a place comparable to Tyrannus’ Hall? What kind of discussions could we have that would have people believe and follow Christ?
8. In what ways do we see the power of, and authority of God, and His Word in chapter 19? What are the evidences of God’s power today?
9. When people began to place their faith in Christ (verse 18), what else happened? (cf 19-20)
10. Read Acts 19:23-41. List as many factors as you can to why the riot broke out in Ephesus. Can you think of an example today of how the Gospel could start a riot in our city?

Bringing it home:

- ◆ Where, like Apollos, is your knowledge inadequate? (Acts 18:24-26)
- ◆ Do you know the difference between being spiritual and having the Spirit?
- ◆ What do you point to in your life as evidence that you have the Holy Spirit? Look up Galatians 5:22-25, Ephesians 5:18-21.
- ◆ Is there anything you need to confess? Is there anything you possess that you need to get rid of?
- ◆ Is the Word of God spreading widely through you and growing in power?