

EPHESIANS

Lesson 2

The Apostle Paul on his 3rd Missionary journey worked with the people of Ephesus.

Acts 19:8-12

Acts 19:13-16

Acts 19:17-20

Acts 19:21 – 20:1

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Acts 20:16-28

DID YOU NOTICE:

Acts 19:8-12 The Apostle began his work among the Jews at the synagogue and worked there as long as it was productive. He continued to work for 2 years until everyone in area had heard the Gospel. Needs were being met and God validated Paul's message.

Acts 19:13-16 Others were active in serving. This portion deals with Christians who were involved in casting out demons. It became clear, that they were dealing with powers that exceeded their understanding.

Acts 19:17-20 Changed lives in the church led to a dramatic demonstration as those once involved in sorcery destroyed scrolls that were worth over a hundred years wages. These events by the body of Christ was used by God to further advance the word of the Lord and its' impact.

Acts 19:21 – 20:1 Much of the impact of Christianity was the result of other believers. Some were trying to transform lives. Their own changed lives had made a significant impact as they removed the evil influences that had been a part of their lives. Financial impact was made upon the local cult trade.

Mob rule took over as people headed to the theater. Many joined in without knowing what the uproar was about. Those that were not like them, were prohibited from speaking.

The changed lives and the impact of the gospel demonstrated that the church was alive and well in Ephesus. Paul was not needed there, as the people could continue with the work. Paul continues on with his 3rd Missionary journey, heading back to areas where God had used Paul to establish a core group of believers and continue their development.

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Acts 20:16-28 Paul uses his exemplary life of service and sacrifice to challenge the elders to be diligent to their calling. They are the SHEPHERDS of the flock and are responsible for their care. They are warned that people from among the believers will be used by Satan to lead astray and destroy the faith of others. He encouraged them to be benevolent and not to be "lovers" of money.

What Lessons can you learn for your personal walk with Jesus?

What lessons can the church learn about how they can serve and function?