

# *Acts of the Apostles* *A Bible Study*

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Grace's OASIS (On-line Adult Study in Spirit)  
Class/Discussion

Fall, 2021

WEEK 8: CHAPTERS 19-20

# *Brief Introduction*

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## Acts 19:

- **Paul's extended 2-year stay in Ephesus. (19:1-41)**
  - Paul brings the baptism of the Holy Spirit, preaches in the synagogue, then then among the Greeks and God does "extraordinary" miracles through him.
  - Jewish exorcists are given a lesson, and Greek followers of magic reform.
  - Greek business leaders with an interest in the worship of Artemis rile up a crowd that is ultimately calmed by a Roman official who appeals to the rule of law.

## Acts 20:

- **Paul's third missionary journey. (20:1-38)**
  - Paul travels through Macedonia and Greece then back, stopping in Troas where he resurrects a boy and delivers a farewell address in Miletus to elders of the Ephesian church.

# *Breakout Session 1:*

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What jumped out at you in these chapters?

Or what surprised you in these chapters?

Or what inspired you in these chapters?

Or what was new to you in these chapters?

## *Breakout Session 2:*

1. How does the Holy Spirit feature in these two chapters? What lessons can we take away?
2. What is Paul's approach to evangelism in Ephesus and what might it be if he were evangelizing in Springfield today?
3. What do we make of the Artemis dispute in Ephesus and the strangely passive role of Paul in resolving it?
4. Paul warns the Ephesian elders (20:19) of "savage wolves" that threaten the church. What are the savage wolves of today?
5. Extra credit question: Why is Paul in such a hurry to get to Jerusalem?

# *Next Week (11/7)*

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**Read Chapters 21-23**

**(Paul's return to Jerusalem and arrest)**