

October 22, 2017- A Riot Over The Gospel

Open in Prayer

Welcome/Introductions

[If there are new people in your group, give brief introductions.]

Remind the group of DiscipleGroup Guidelines

DISCIPLEMAKER QUESTIONS

- What has changed in your life because of what you learned last week?
- Has God placed someone in your life outside this group that you need to invest in?
- How do you think God wants you to do this?

Ask a “hook question” to get the group going.

- Describe a time in your life when you felt uncomfortable with the situation and thought “I need to get out of here.”

Share background for the story.

Last week we talked about the work of the Holy Spirit in Ephesus. This week we will visit the same city and see how a group of people respond when their livelihood is threatened because of the Gospel.

Tell the story – Acts 19:21-41 This week’s story is about an uproar that happened in the city of Ephesus.

[Tell the story with your Bible open on your lap to the passage.]

Rebuild the story

[Group members tell the story together, one piece at a time, based on what they remember.]

Read the story out loud – Read Acts 19:21-41 from the Bible.

[The scripture may have more details. Were there any important details left out of the telling or retelling that you discover in the scripture?]

Discuss these questions:

1. What do you learn about God, Jesus or the Holy Spirit in this story?
2. What do you learn about the characters in the story?
3. What stood out to you in the story?
4. How was opposition to the Gospel manifested in this passage? How is it manifested today?
5. How will this story be used in your life and with others?

Ask someone to retell the story.

Assign next week’s passage. Acts 20:1-12. Travels of Paul.

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October 22, 2017- A Riot Over The Gospel – Leader Coaching

[This page is to help you sharpen your skills as a DiscipleGroup Leader. Each week we will include concepts, challenges, and resources designed to assist you as you lead and shepherd your group and grow as a disciple yourself. Also, we have added comments (enclosed in brackets []) on the Leader Guide.]

Abiding

[grow as a disciple yourself]

- A grocery store owner in an Oklahoma town decided he would no longer sell cigarettes because of his faith. Have you ever known a person whose life was financially changed because of his/her decision to follow Christ? What about you? Is there anything in your personal life that is not pleasing to the Lord? A good test is to thank God for each thing in your life. If there is something in your life you can't "pray over" then perhaps that thing needs to be removed.

Leading

[learn to facilitate your group more effectively]

- After this story, it might be fun, or perhaps uncomfortable, to talk in your group about changes in their own personal lives/families which point to more worldliness. Is something in their lives interfering with their relationship with God or perhaps hindering their witness?

Shepherding

[know the sheep, feed the sheep, lead the sheep, protect the sheep]

- Ask your people to go over their own prayer lists. Ask them to compare the prayer requests about physical things with those about spiritual items. Is it easy to tell the difference? Ask if they spend more time praying for things or for the salvation of people they know.

Resources:

- <http://www.bibleplaces.com/ephesus/> has some good starter information on Ephesus and some links. The Wikipedia article on Ephesus is quite thorough and has information on Artemis.