

HOMIE GROUPS

Discussion Questions for *Acts 19* Week of March 14th - 20th, 2010

Warm Up: Share the top praise you have from this past week.

- Read and discuss together **Acts 19:1-10**. What is peculiar about the events that transpire here?
 - What was the explanation given on Sunday as to why these disciples had not yet received the Holy Spirit?
 - What personal application do you draw from the following: “Beloved, are you now receiving the Spirit? Are you living under his divine influence? Are you filled with his power? Put the question personally. I am afraid some professors will have to admit that they hardly know whether there be any Holy Ghost; and others will have to confess that though they have enjoyed a little of his saving work, yet they do not know much of his ennobling and sanctifying influence.” -Spurgeon
- Dissect together the following quote by renowned New Testament scholar John Stott: “When we contrast much contemporary evangelism with Paul’s, its shallowness is immediately shown up. Our evangelism tends to be too ecclesiastical (inviting people to our churches), whereas Paul also took the gospel out in to the secular world; too emotional (we appeal for a decision without an adequate basis of understanding), whereas Paul taught, reasoned and tried to persuade; too superficial (making brief encounters and expecting quick results), whereas Paul stayed in Corinth and Ephesus for five years, faithfully sowing gospel seed and in due time reaping a harvest.”
 - How should we as a church get out into the secular world? Should we be on campuses of education? Would we be able to reason if we did get there?
 - Why do we lean on emotionalism in our gospel presentations so often? What kind of a believer does this necessarily produce? Why is reasoning and persuading the better way? What kind of believer does *this* produce?
 - What are ways that our culture has adopted an ‘immediate results’ attitude? How has this attitude affected our evangelism? With whom have we reasoned for 2 years regarding the gospel? What would we imagine a multi year relationship looking like where we talked about the truth of believing in Jesus?

Wrap Up: Pray through: “God isn’t late with his promise as some measure lateness. He is restraining himself on account of you, holding back the End because he doesn’t want anyone lost. He’s giving everyone space and time to change.” - 2 Pt. 3:9 *Message*