



ACTS

Disciples Making Disciples

Acts 19-20:12: **In the name of Jesus**

- The work of mission is messy

Acts 19:1-7

Correcting and teaching

- Paul corrected theology of baptism
- Re-baptised folks according to the baptism of Jesus

Acts 19:8-9

Paul trying to persuade

- Paul tried to persuade some people to follow Jesus
- They rejected him and made fun of the Gospel
- Paul left

Acts 19:10

Preaching to as many as possible

- Paul stayed and preached for about 2 years
- ‘until they all heard’ *not...*
- ‘until they were all converted’

Acts 19:11-20

Making a spiritual impact

- 'the name of Jesus' is not a magical invocation
- It is rather a personal call of faith
- It is the power of Jesus and not the authority of people, that does the work

Acts 19:21-41

Demonstrating wisdom and restraint

- People were being financially impacted by the Gospel
- Many who rioted did not even know what they were angry about or why they were there!
- Paul refrained from 'adding fuel to the fire' with his presence

Acts 20:1-6

Being rejected...again

- Some of the Jews plotted against Paul
- So he left

Acts 20:7-12

Tireless and passionate

- Paul preached for a long time
- He did it in response to the hunger of the disciples
- He expected miracles to happen

Worshipping in Spirit and in Truth

²³ But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. ²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”

John 4:23-24 (ESV)

Love for the Truth

- Paul had a deep hunger for the Word because of His relationship with Jesus
- The depth of your relationship determines the intensity of your hunger for His Word
- Paul lived by the Word of God

Love for the Spirit

- Paul had an 'abandoned' faith in the Spirit
- His faith trusted the will of the Spirit was right
- His faith trusted the power of the Spirit was able

And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

Hebrews 11:6 (ESV)

Do you worship in Spirit and in Truth?

Faith in Jesus causes us to look to His Word and to expect His power...*always*.