

## Acts 18:22-19:41 - Daily Study Questions (cont)

<p>4. In Acts 19:8-10 what did Paul do for the next 3 months (v8)? What occurred and how did Paul respond (v9)? How long did he do this (v10) and what was the outcome (v10)? Apply.</p>	
<p>5. Based on 19:11-17 how was God using Paul (v11-12) and who was trying to imitate him (v13-14)? How did it work out (v15-16)? What was the ultimate result (v17)?</p>	
<p>6. Read 19:17-20. In what practices were the Ephesians engaged (v19) and how did they “repent” (v18, 19)? Why do you think they did (v17)? What was the overall outcome (v20)?</p>	
<p>7. According to 19:21-22 where did Paul want to go in the short-term (v21, see Rom 15:25-27; 1 Cor 16:1-9) and long-term (v21)? Who did he enlist (v22) and how did this help his ministry (v22)?</p>	
<p>8. Using 19:23-27 what occurred in Ephesus (v23) and who spearheaded it (v24)? What did he identify as the two problems (v25-26, 27)? Which of these probably bothered him most and how can we relate to this?</p>	
<p>9. From 19:28-34 how did the city react and the outcome (v28-29)? What was Paul’s desire and what stopped him (v30-31)? What occurred next (v32-34) and what does this show?</p>	
<p>10. In 19:35-41 what “undeniable facts” did the town clerk use to calm things down (v35-36)? Why is this ironic considering their rejection of the gospel? What solution did he suggest (v38, 39) and why (v37, 40-41)?</p>	
<p>11. Review Acts 18:23-19. What “problems” did the missionaries face (18:24-26, 19:1-3, 9, 13-16, 18-19, 23-36) and how did they overcome them? How should we today deal with the problems that come with taking a stand for Christ?</p>	

### Scripture to Remember

“So the word of the Lord  
was growing mightily  
and prevailing.”

**Acts 19:20 (NASV)**

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### Life Group Questions—Really God? Do You Care? (Habakkuk 1:1-11)

*(Using questions from Sunday’s message, Life Groups meet in homes to build supportive relationships with others at Celebration Fellowship that enable us to grow in Christ.)*

1. Describe a time in your life when you felt like God was not listening to your prayers. How did you get through it and what is one thing you learned from it?
2. Read Habakkuk 1:1-5. What was Habakkuk’s problem (v3-4) and what did he ask God (v2)? What was his “attitude” and can you identify with it? Share about that.
3. Talk about the 2 “negative” ways that God answers prayer—”huh”, and “no”. Why does he answer that way and what is He drawing us to do in the “process” of prayer?
4. When God answers “yes” or “wait” what are the conditions in each that lead to that answer? In what ways does this help us grow up in Him?
5. What does it mean that “God doesn’t change a situation when it is a consequence rather than a circumstance”? Why does God act this way?
6. What encouragement can you draw from the fact that God is always busy either a) preparing a deliverance or b) preparing a discipline? How can you apply this to your life?
7. Share or discuss anything else meaningful from the message if you have time.



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## Not for the Faint of Heart Acts 18:22-19:41

### The 5 Purposes of the Purpose Driven Life

- **Worship**—You were planned for God’s pleasure
- **Fellowship**—You were formed for God’s family
- **Discipleship**—You were created to become like Christ
- **Ministry**—You were shaped for serving God
- **Evangelism**—You were made for a mission

An activity that is “not for the faint of heart” requires courage to overcome the challenging aspects of it. Thus, Paul’s third missionary journey was not for the faint of heart. The preparation for overcoming opposition came initially by facing the problem of inaccurate teaching. Apollos, a man eloquent, mighty in the Scriptures, and instructed in the way of the Lord needed correction. All he knew was the teaching of John the Baptist, so Priscilla and Aquila, two “ordinary” believers, instructed him in the truth. He was then encouraged by other believers and he left for Corinth. Meanwhile, Paul followed him to Ephesus where he encountered other disciples of John the Baptist. He told them about Jesus and they believed, with their salvation being outwardly confirmed by

the baptism of the Spirit as at Pentecost. With these false teachings corrected, Paul then engaged in the process of overcoming opposition in Ephesus. After the Jews in the synagogue hardened their hearts after three months of teaching, Paul then taught in the school of Tyrannus for two years causing all to hear the Word. While in Ephesus Paul was also healing many, as well as exorcising demons. When the attempt was made to imitate this by Jewish exorcists the evil spirit overpowered them and they fled naked. This caused the fear of the Lord to fall on all and many began to repent of their magic practices; and even burned their occult books valued at fifty thousand pieces of silver. Paul then planned to leave, so he sent Timothy and Erastus ahead of him to pre-



**The manifest destiny of disciples is to recapture the world for Jesus.**

pare for his visit to take a collection for the poor in Jerusalem. As he stayed in Ephesus problems from overcoming the opposition arose. The gospel had caused the business of making idols of Artemis to decline, a great outcry erupted with Demetrius, a silversmith, leading the way. They wanted to get rid of anyone associated with the Jews or Christians. A riot was eminent, so the town clerk told them the issue was simply between the silversmiths and the Christians, so they should let the courts handle it. This was just another example of how standing for Jesus was not for the faint of heart.

## Study Questions for Acts 18:22-19:41

(For answers go to [http://www.celebrationnet.com/abf.html/study questions](http://www.celebrationnet.com/abf.html/study%20questions))

1. Read Acts 18:22-23. Where was Paul’s base of operations (v22)? Where did he go next and why (v23)? How do you think he “strengthened all the disciples”?	
2. From 18:24-28 who went to Ephesus (v24), what was he like (v24, 25), and what was he doing (v25, 26)? Who worked with him (v26), who else encouraged him (v27), and what were the results (v27-28)?	
3. Using 19:1-7 who went to Ephesus after Apollos and who did he encounter (v1)? Describe them (v2, 3) and explain what Paul told them (v4). What resulted (v5-7) and what did this indicate?	

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