

True Salvation, True Transformation
Text: Acts 19:1-10
April 5, 2025

Big Idea:

Context is key!

Question #1 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What is going on in the text?

- a) What is the setting and what is happening?
- b) Who are the main characters?
- c) Are there any words/phrases that are repeated?

Question #2 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What does the text say about God and about me?

- a) Is God saying or showing something about Himself? If so, what?
- b) Do the words in the text predict, prophesy or picture something about Jesus? If so, what?
- c) Is God saying or showing something about us? If so, what?
- d) How does the text point to my need for Jesus? How?

A life transformed by Jesus increasingly displays His...

Point 1: Undeniable _____: God's _____ (vv. 1-7)

Question: When God transforms a life, He bears fruit through that life. Is His fruit in you?

Sermon Notes...

Question #3

- a) **Rd vv. 1-7:** How did Paul know that these 12 men were not true disciples of Jesus?
- b) **Rd John 15:4-8:** What does Jesus say is the proof that a person is truly His follower?
- c) Why is the fruit of one's life the proof of a transformed heart?
- d) Why is it impossible to be saved by Jesus and not be transformed by Jesus?
- e) Look up and share Scriptures that tell what the fruits of the Holy Spirit are in one's life.

Question #4

- a) What is our part in bearing fruit for the glory of God? Do we do nothing in the process? (Hint: Ephesians 4:1-3, Philippians 2:12)
- b) What are two kinds of spiritual fruit that you would like to see increasing in your life? What is a next step you can take to "work out" your salvation and partner with the Holy Spirit to grow in these areas?
- c) Spend time in prayer as a group praying for one another and follow-up this week.

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Point 2: Unwavering _____: God's _____ (vv. 8-10)

Question: The transformed life prioritizes God's Kingdom. Whose kingdom is your priority?

Sermon Notes...

Question #5

- a) **Rd. vv. 8-10:** When Paul was opposed, how did he respond? How does this show his priority was God's kingdom and not his own?
- b) How is the increasing priority of God's kingdom over your own, proof of a transformed life in Jesus?

Prayer Application

"...I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."-Matthew 16:18b

By God's grace, we have just celebrated 8 years of ministry at Hope Ottawa! Spend time...

- a) TESTIFYING: To the work He has done in your life personally and in the church (Get Specific!).

Once you have shared, spend time in prayer...

- b) CONFESSING: Your/Our constant need for Him in all things.

- c) PRAISING: Him for who He is

- d) THANKING: Him for the work He has done in your life personally and in the church,

- e) ASKING: Him for more of Him and His glory through increasing fruitfulness in the days ahead!

Memory Verse:

"By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples."-John 15:8