

**Gospel Advancement!**  
**Text: Acts 19:21-41**  
**April 26, 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?

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**Point 1: A Gospel \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 21-22)**

*Question: Gospel advancement comes through a gospel decision. Is your 'yes' on the table?*

*Sermon Notes...*

**Question #3**

- a) **Rd vv. 21-22:** What did Paul resolve to do to put his 'yes' on the table in seeing the gospel advance?
- b) **Rd. Acts 20:22-23:** What did the Holy Spirit tell Paul would happen to him in Jerusalem?
- c) How should knowing that God will use all things for His glory and your good increase your faith in witness?
- d) What situation(s) do you need to ask the Holy Spirit for His resolve to put your 'yes' on the table with to declare the gospel in?
- e) Spend time in prayer right now confessing your fear of those situations and asking the Lord for His steadfast resolve to be faithful in them.

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**Point 2: A Gospel \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 23-27)**

*Question: The gospel confronts all idolatry. Will you'd declare God's truth and submit to it?*

*Sermon Notes...*

#### Question #4

- a) **Rd vv. 23-27:** What disturbance did the gospel cause as it was preached and the spiritual awakening happened in Ephesus? What was the idol driving Demetrius' response to Paul?
- b) Why does God ensure that the gospel will confront our idols?
- c) What means has God given to identify what idols are in our lives? (Hint: Start with Luke 6:45!)
- d) What is the path God has given us that breaks the power of idols in our lives? (Hint: 2 Cor. 7:10)
- e) Without repentance, what will idols eventually lead us to if we continue to love those over Jesus?
- f) What idol(s) do you need to repent of today? Spend time as a group doing this together and asking the Lord for a greater love for Him over those things.

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##### Point 3: A Gospel \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 28-41)

*Question: The enemy will attack, but God will defend His Church. Will you trust Him?*

*Sermon Notes...*

#### Question #5

- a) **Rd vv. 28-41:** What were the 3 strategies the enemy used to try and stop the gospel?
- b) Do you see the enemy using these same strategies today? If so, where?
- c) How did God defend His people in the face of these attacks? Why is it hard to trust Him to defend you?
- d) **Rd. 1 Peter 4:19:** How are we commanded to respond to opposition when we share our faith?

#### Prayer Application

Spend time praying as a group through **Acts 19:21-41**...

- a) ADORATION: Lord Jesus, You are the sovereign God who will \_\_\_\_\_ .
- b) CONFESSION: Lord, I repent of my idol of \_\_\_\_\_ .
- d) THANKSGIVING: Jesus, thank You that for \_\_\_\_\_ .
- e) SUPPLICATION: Lord, I ask for faith to: i) Put my 'yes' on the table when \_\_\_\_\_ ii) Declare Your truth in \_\_\_\_\_ . iii) Trust in your protection when \_\_\_\_\_ .

#### Memory Verse:

*"And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come."-Matthew 24:14*