

Study Guide for March 5th, 2006. Jesus Rules! Acts 19:11-20.

Introduction: How have you seen the power of Christ overcoming the power of Satan?

I. God's power is demonstrated . . . when miracles are performed. (Acts 19:11-12)

- A. Compare what God did here through Paul with that of Peter. (Acts 5:15-16)
- B. How does Paul explain such phenomena in Rom. 15:17-19 & II Cor. 12:12?
- C. How is this different than modern day faith healers who "sell" handkerchiefs?
- D. Do you think you'll ever witness such **extraordinary miracles**? Why or why not?
In formulating your response, reflect on Heb. 2:1-4.

II. God's power is demonstrated . . . when hypocrites are exposed. (Acts 19:13-16)

- A. From what read about the sons of Sceva, describe these traveling exorcists?
- B. Evaluate the genuineness of this deliverance ministry. (Mt. 12:25-28, Lk. 9:49-50)
- C. What happened when these men try to **use** Jesus' name? (vs. 15-16)
- D. If you witnessed the fight (vs. 16), what would you conclude . . .
 - 1) . . . about evil spirits?
 - 2) . . . about Jesus?
 - 3) . . . about the followers of Jesus?
- E. Reflect on I John 4:4. Where do you need to become convinced of this truth?

III. God's power is demonstrated . . . when occult objects are destroyed. (Acts 19:17-20)

- A. What was the reaction in Ephesus to the encounter recorded in vs. 13-16?
- B. What was the benefit of **believers** openly confessing their evil practices?
- C. A drachma was a silver coin representing a day's wage. Given what you may earn in a day, what is the equivalent value (in dollars) of the scrolls burned that day?
Do you think this was good stewardship? Why or why not?
- D. Give an example of someone who renounced a sinful past to follow Christ fully.

Conclusion: What do you think it would take for the **word of the Lord** (to) spread **widely and** (grow) **in power** in Jefferson City today?