Elmbrook Discussion Questions Acts 19

Introduction

Fun (or not so fun!) guestion: So far, what summer experiences have you missed the most?

Head: What is the passage saying?

- 1. What situation does Paul encounter?
- 2. What happens when the power of God breaks out?
- 3. What do we learn about God?
- 4. How do you see the work of God creating a disturbance in today's society?

Heart: How does this passage influence my inner being?

- 1. How have you seen the power of God work in your own life?
- 2. How does your life reflect worship of God?
- 3. How is God speaking to you through this study?

Hands: How do I practically live this out?

Here are some suggestions, or simply identify your own practical next step.

- 1. **Pray:** Be intentional this week to continue asking God to give you discernment about when (and how) to turn a situation into a "gospel" opportunity. Be ready to respond in the moment!
- 2. **Worship:** "The name of the Lord Jesus was held in high honor." (verse 17) Express words of worship to God that express his high honor.
- 3. **Encourage:** Find someone this week who you can encourage to lean in and trust in God's power.
- 4. **Journal / Assess:** Take time this week to assess how God is working in your own life, and write out a prayer inviting him to continue working in you.
- 5. **Talk it Out:** Take a next step to be less private about your faith. Find someone this week to share about how God is working in your life.

Digging Deeper Study:

- 1. **Watch:** Go further into understanding the ministry of Paul. Watch a video series, <u>In Pursuit of Paul</u> on <u>Rightnow Media</u>, by Con Campbell.
- 2. **Read:** Pick up a biography: Paul: A Biography (N.T. Wright), The Apostle: A Life of Paul (John Pollock)