



# A New Mission

SMALL GROUP GUIDE

## WHAT'S ON YOUR SCROLL?

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As we conclude our current series in the book of Acts, Paul and his companions make a long-awaited trip to Ephesus. Their travels have taken them to places they never expected, and they have witnessed God do miracles beyond their imagination. Even though the spiritual darkness in Ephesus is intense, it is no match for the power of the Gospel. People willingly destroy things that are preventing them from fully surrendering to Jesus. As a result, we are challenged to do the same.

- Read Acts 19:11-12: Jesus has extraordinary power.
- Have you ever experienced God's unexplainable power in your life? If so, what was that like? (As a side note, it can look different from what it does in this passage).
- Read Acts 19:13-16: We are powerless without Jesus.
- The seven sons of Sceva try to perform miracles in the name of Jesus without a relationship with Jesus. Have you ever tried to live off the spiritual experience of others? (Examples...parents, spouse, friend, people in the church, etc.) If so, what was that experience like?
- Read Matthew 7:21-22. How does this passage relate to the seven sons of Sceva? How does this passage convict you?
- What does it take for you to stay connected in a loving union with Jesus?
- When the people saw the power of Jesus, they willingly burned their scrolls as a sign of repentance.
- The word "sorcery" in this passage is translated as "busy about trifles and neglectful of important matters, 'busybody.'" How does this differ from the way you usually think about this term?

- The scrolls were worth 50,000 drachmas (or 11 million dollars today). Destruction of the scrolls was costly for the Ephesians. Is there anything that would be costly for you to turn over to Jesus today?
- Read and reflect on Revelation 2:1-5. What might God be asking you to give up because it is a distraction from God's work in your life? Pray as a group to return to your first love.