

ACTS TO REVELATION

Drive Thru History | The World of the First Christians

This Week's Scripture

**Acts 19-20,
Ephesians**

More Resources

As we continue our journey through Acts to the final book of the New Testament, the video series will reference and discuss some of the associated letters written to churches visited by the Apostle Paul. Reading the relevant passages in Acts and the associated letters before coming to class each week will help you understand the message of the gospel. Please take advantage of the excellent resources that are available to you, for FREE, at the **Bible Project**.

You might want to watch this video that will give you an overview of Paul's letter to the **Ephesians**. But of course, watching the video is not a substitute for reading the Book of Ephesians. Just click on the video below or the links above.

Ephesians



SPIRITUAL WARFARE: Want to take a deeper dive into the topic of spiritual warfare talked about in Ephesians chapter 6? Here are links to two helpful messages by Dr. Tim Keller. Click **HERE** and **HERE**.



Paul's Third Missionary Journey — Ephesus

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

Which part of this week's reading and video caught your attention the most? What insights did you glean? What questions do you have? Is God speaking to you about a situation in your own life through these Scriptures? What are you learning about God?



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Small Group Prayer Requests

To help you pray for one another during the week, please take notes on the requests that are shared. Please remember that everything people talk about in your group is confidential..

Watch This Week's Episode Online



IF YOU WANT TO REVIEW

EPISODES of Drive Thru History: Acts to Revelation, you can watch online at tubitv.com. **Just click [HERE](#) to watch episode 11, Paul's Third Missionary Journey – Ephesus.**

Week 12 Prep

Read Acts 21-26

PAUL'S THIRD MISSIONARY JOURNEY

- The account of Paul's Third Missionary Journey begins in Acts 18:23 and continues to the end of Acts 20. This will be Paul's final opportunity to move about freely. Soon, he will no longer be able to choose the places he visits. After returning from this trip, Paul will be arrested and where he goes and stays will be determined by others. As you consider Paul's efforts to share the gospel with others and the price he paid to do so, what strikes you about Paul's heart for God and for others?

WHAT IS TRUTH?

- In Acts 19:13-17 we read the fascinating account of a mugging that involved the seven sons of Sceva and a demon-possessed man. In the learned, educated city of Ephesus, religious worldviews and occult activity collided. As you think about how we are called to live out the good news today, how must we be concerned about the truthfulness of the ideas we present as we reason with one another and others outside the church? How do we determine what is true and what is false? What do we need to do and keep in mind when we have conversations with one another and others about what is true?

JESUS AND THE MARKETPLACE

- In Acts 19:24-36 in what ways do we see the impact of the gospel on both the worldview of many in Ephesus and the economy of this city? What might that impact look like today?

- How does Demetrius, the silversmith, stir up opposition to Paul and his companions? What do you think might have motivated him? How do people today try to stir us up using similar techniques?

BOOK OF EPHESIANS: INDICATIVE AND IMPERATIVE

- As Dave Stotts points out, Paul's letter to the Ephesians is divided into two sections. Part 1 tell us who we are in Christ (that's the "indicative" section). Part 2 challenges us to live lives worthy of the gospel because of who we are in Christ (the "imperative" section). How do you need to claim your identity in Christ so you can face the challenges and opportunities to live a life that is worthy of the gospel? See Ephesians 4:1-6.

- Share prayer requests and pray for one another.

Notes from the Video and Discussion

What other insights, questions, challenges, encouragements are you taking with you tonight? Record your thoughts and any action steps you intend to take in the space below.