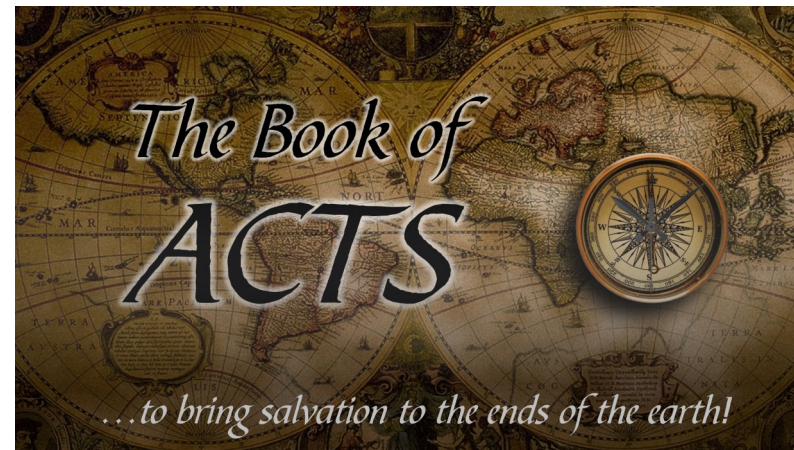


Read 2 Corinthians 5:14-17. What does Paul mean in verse 16, regarding how we see others and how we see Christ?

Read Ephesians 3:7-12. In what ways does God use the church to reveal his wisdom to the spiritual realm?



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Scripture References

Acts 19:8-22 • 2 Corinthians 5:14-17 • Ephesians 3:10-11

Prayer Requests

- 1) Paul's presentation of the story of Jesus was based on _____, leading the people to think through these things, not to just believe blindly. Christianity is not a call to _____ faith.
- 2) An _____ of the Bible shows that miracles were not continuing events, they are grouped around major events in God's plan, such as the life of Christ and the beginning of the church.

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- 3) Satan's greatest strength in the Western world is convincing people he _____. In other parts of the world, he operates more openly.
- 4) Burning their magic books showed that the new believers in Ephesus were giving up their _____, their source of _____.
- 5) When we question God, there is often an underlying assumption that we are God's _____.
- 6) Faith grows when we realize that God is working on something much bigger than the situations of _____.
- 7) We're _____ in God's plan, but it is not _____ us. We should not expect God to do things our way. He promises to care for us and we must allow him to do what he knows is best.
- 8) When we become Christians, our _____ shift from a focus on ourselves to a focus on what God wants and what he is doing.



Small Group Discussion Questions

Please try to think these over and jot down some ideas prior to discussing them at the meeting, it will improve the discussion.

Some Christian groups place a great emphasis on miracles. Some deny that miracles still happen. What do you think? Explain why.

In Acts 19:13, the Jews tried to use the name of Jesus in their exorcism. Was that a misuse of the name of the Lord, a violation of the third commandment? Why or why not?

Have you known someone (maybe yourself) who displayed a radical change when they became a Christian? Someone whose life showed that the old life is gone and a new life began. Describe what that looked like.

Continued on reverse.