

## Bible Study 9 – Persecution in Ephesus – Acts 19:23-41

*Paul's ministry in Ephesus was starting to impact the local economy! Christianity changes how people live and how they spend their money. If revival came to the West, then we would expect that the porn industry would be massively negatively impacted, the sexual trafficking industry would close down, consumption of alcohol would drop below addictive levels, and more and more money would be given to charitable and gospel causes that would impact people for the glory of Jesus. But Christians can expect opposition. Not everyone will support the work of God. And ironically often God uses the opposition to advance His kingdom.*

<b>The context</b>	After the Day of Pentecost, the gospel was preached to Jews and then to Gentiles. Peter was the main preacher to the Jews & Paul was the main preacher to the Gentiles. Paul's first missionary journey was to Cyprus and south-eastern Turkey where they established churches. Then Paul went on his second missionary journey preaching and establishing churches. People converted to Christianity and some of the Jews persecuted the believers. Then Paul went on his third missionary journey.
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### ***PART 1 Read & then write each section in your own words – Acts 19:23-41***

Preaching (v.8-10)	
Concern (v.23-27)	
Uproar (v.28-34)	
Resolution (v.35-20:1)	

### ***PART 2 Things I discovered in this passage***

***1. What does it teach about God, Jesus or the Holy Spirit?***

***2. What does it teach about people?***

***3. Summarize a key verse in your own words.***

***4. In your opinion, what is the main point being taught in this passage?***

***5. Which other parts of the passage caught your attention?***

***6. What other things can Christianity impact beside the sale of shrines (v.27)?***

***7. Which parts of the passage were difficult to understand? What questions come to your mind?***

Paul's preaching affected the sale of shrines. So, the craftsmen protested and it turned into a riot. But the city clerk quietened the crowd.



## Obey

Since God's word is true, what must I change in my life to obey God?  
What must I do to obey?

I will
I will
I will

Questions to help me apply this study to myself

- Is there a *SIN* for me to avoid?
- Is there a *PROMISE* from God for me to claim?
- Is there an *EXAMPLE* for me to follow?
- Is there a *COMMANDMENT* or *MODEL* for me to follow?

## Share

Who will I tell about this Bible passage?

**Who needs help?** What can we do to help over the next two weeks?

Person	How will I help them?

## Prayer

**Date:**

One thing you are thankful for.  
One thing that's bothering you or causing stress.  
Is there anything this group can do to help you?

Person	Prayer points