

Ministry: Essence

Acts 19:1-7 || Pastor Matthew St. John || September 16, 2018

Discussion Questions

1. When did you first hear the gospel clearly, such that you responded to it and began to know Jesus personally? How was the gospel described to you? If you have never begun a personal relationship with Jesus, is today the day?
2. The disciples in Ephesus were earnest, but their theology was incomplete. Today, many people say that it doesn't matter what you believe as long as it works for you. In light of Acts 19:1-7, how would you respond to them?
3. Many seek to "correct" each other's theology. How can you tell whether a correction is indeed correct? How did the disciples in Ephesus know that Paul's words were true? How do we test words today? See Acts 17:11 and John 5:36-40.
4. Acts 19 demonstrates a correlation between receiving the gospel and the work of the Holy Spirit. Read Acts 8:5-17 and Acts 11:1-18. Based on these three passages, what can we learn about how the Spirit correlates to believing the gospel? Which pieces are clear? Which are still mysterious?
5. John Piper says that believing in Jesus is more than believing about Him. How does life look different for a person who believes about Jesus compared to one who believes in Him? Which one does your life resemble more?

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