**Acts Chapters 19 and 20 -Third Missionary Journey**

**Review – Second Missionary Journey – the Gospel goes to Europe.**

* Phillippi
* Thessalonica
* Berea
* Athens
* Corinth
* Brief stop in Ephesus – Paul says he will return if the Lord allows.

**Ephesus**

* Jewel of the Roman Empire
* Center of commerce, culture, religious activity
* Larger and richer than Corinth
* Temple to Artemis (Diana)
	+ Was one of the 7 Wonders of the Ancient World
	+ 5 Times larger than the Parthenon in Athens
	+ 127 Columns
* Their Colosseum had a seating capacity of 56,700 people: 200 football fields in diameter.
* It was home base for Paul for about two years and was the center of evangelical outreach in Asia Minor.
* Mentioned in Book of Revelation as the first church of the seven who received a letter from Jesus.

VS 1-7 Baptism in the Holy Spirit

* Three Baptisms mentioned in the NT:
	+ Baptism of John for Repentance (Matthew 3:11-12)
	+ Believers Baptism for Salvation (Acts 2:38, Mark 16:16)
	+ The Baptism of the Holy Spirit (all four gospels, Day of Pentecost).
* Five responses to the Holy Spirit.
	+ Quench the Holy Spirit
	+ Grieve the Holy Spirit
	+ Resist the Holy Spirit
	+ Blaspheme the Holy Spirit
	+ Receive the Holy Spirit
* We are to be.”
	+ Conceived by the Holy Spirit
	+ Filled with the Holy Spirit
	+ Empowered for ministry by the Holy Spirit (gifts)
	+ Raised from the dead by the Holy Spirit

VS 8-9 Synagogue to Gentiles – School of Tyrannus

VS 11-20 Ministry of Miracles, Book Burning and Church Growth

* Handkerchiefs and Aprons – miracles – like Peter’s Shadow.
* Jewish exorcists fail.
	+ Demons know Jesus (Mark 1:23-27).
	+ Demons know who Paul is.
	+ Demons do not recognize the faux authority of non-believers.
* Confess with repentance.
	+ Broken and contrite heart.
	+ Change of mind – ***metanoia*** – Greek
	+ Change of behavior – ***teshuvah*** – Hebrew
* Books burned worth 50,00 pieces of silver ($1,259,500 today’s value).
* Word of the Lord was growing and prevailing (against the culture).

VS 24 -41 The Silversmith Uproar

* Gospel impact on business – no longer wanted idols.
	+ VS 26 – Paul says their Gods made with hands are not Gods at all.
	+ Psalm 15:4-8

Their idols are silver and gold, the work of human hands.
**5**They have mouths, but do not speak; eyes, but do not see.
**6**They have ears, but do not hear; noses, but do not smell.
**7**They have hands, but do not feel; feet, but do not walk;
    and they do not make a sound in their throat.
**8**Those who make them become like them;

so do all who trust in them.

* Threat to the temple of Diana – central identifier of pagan worship and sin.
	+ Sexual sin
	+ Drunkenness
	+ Goddess Diana would be dethroned from her magnificence.
* The uproar filled the Colosseum area.
* Chanting for two hours.
* Paul protected from going.
* Romans would not tolerate disorder of any kind. Lose Roman status if continued.

**Reflection on Paul’s Ministry in Ephesus**

1. Changed the economy.
2. Changed the culture.
3. Center of Evangelism and Church Planting
	1. Colosse
	2. Laodicea
	3. Hierapolis (Smyrna)
	4. Thyatira
	5. Pergamum
	6. Philadelphia
	7. Sardia
4. Center of Discipleship:
	1. Epaphras
	2. Archippus
	3. Philemon
	4. Erastus
	5. Gaius
	6. Aristarchus
	7. Titus
	8. Trophimus
	9. Tychicus
5. Revelation 2: 1-7 The Church at Ephesus.

**Chapter 20**

VS 1-12 Paul in Macedonia and Greece

* Visit Philippi
* List of his team of disciples and helpers
* Preaching all night and raising Eutychus from the dead.

VS 13 – 16 Miletus to Troas

* Paul bypasses Ephesus
* Paul wants to be in Jerusalem for Pentecost.

Vs 17 – 38 Paul’s Farewell Address to the Elders in Ephesus

* Paul’s ministry of teaching, self-sufficiency, and humility.
* Paul’s message was the “whole counsel of God.”
* Repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus
* Bonds and danger await me ahead.
* I am innocent from the blood of all men – Remember the Martyr Stephen, Acts 7
* I will not see you again.
* Guard the flock from outside wolves and inside false teachers.
	+ Colossians – written to address the gnostic heresy that came in after Paul left.
* Six False Teachers from Ephesus after Paul left.
	+ Hymeneus
	+ Alexander
	+ Phygellus
	+ Hermogenes
	+ Philetus
	+ Diotrephes
* I have not coveted your gold, clothing, or silver.
* “It is more blessed to give than receive.” Word of Jesus that are not recorded in the Gospels.
* Cathartic goodbye.



