Small Group Discussion Guide

"Saturated (pt. 5)" - 04.24.16

Scripture: Acts 19:1-20

Bottom Line: What is keeping your life from being Saturated with Jesus?

INTRODUCTION/BREAKING THE ICE:

Here are some fun questions to "break the ice" at the beginning of your discussion time. Use these questions or make up your own! What is your most embarrassing moment? What is your proudest moment? What's your favorite way to celebrate your birthday? What's your favorite thing to do in the summer?

UNPACKING THE GOSPEL

Read Acts 19:1-20

What a fascinating passage! God is at work doing miraculous things to spread the church to the ends of the earth.

1) What were some major things that stuck out to you about this passage?

We are currently in the midst of a sermon series in which we've been talking about living a life that is SATURATED by Jesus. This passage details individuals who have certain obstacles that are preventing them from a living such a life. Discuss the following persons from the passage and pinpoint which things are keeping them from being saturated by Jesus?

- 2) What person from the text do you identify with? (Read the following aloud so your group can decide).
 - a. "John's Disciples" Lack of knowledge is keeping them from being saturated. They didn't know the whole story!
 - b. "The Doubters" Lack of faith is keeping them from being saturated.
 - c. **The "Seven Sons of Sceva"** Using the name of Jesus for personal gain is keeping them from being saturated with Jesus. Is there anything in your walk with Jesus that you're using for your own gain? (I'm a Christian so God will take care of my children, for protection, or so others will think I'm a good person.)
 - c. **Those who came to Repent** These people came confessing because they had put creation above the Creator. What in your life is more important than Jesus?
- 3) What keeps your life from being saturated with Jesus? Who did you identify with the most?

LIVING OUT THE GOSPEL IN MY EVERYDAY LIFE

- 1) As a result of God's mighty work several people came and confessed their sins to one another. Take time to confess those things that are keeping you from being saturated with Jesus. Pray for one another and lovingly keep each other accountable.
- 2) What are some concrete steps you can take based on the person from the passage you must identified with? (Commit to studying the Bible, repent and embrace God's radical grace as you turn from things you've put over Jesus, enjoy God, commit to praying daily, etc.
- 3) One of the most beautiful parts about this passage is the word of God prevailed mightily due to the Spirit's interaction with the church of Ephesus. Pray for God to continue to prevail His Word mightily through the Crossing and other churches in our city!