



G – Gather for Prayer

Father,

Help be discern truth from falsehood and not give myself over to what is against your Word. Thank you for your power over evil.

In Jesus' Name, Amen

R – Read the Text (Acts 19:11-20)

¹¹ God was performing extraordinary miracles by the hands of Paul, ¹² so that handkerchiefs or aprons were even carried from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them and the evil spirits went out. ¹³ But also some of the Jewish exorcists, who went from place to place, attempted to name over those who had the evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, "I adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preaches." ¹⁴ Seven sons of one Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, were doing this. ¹⁵ And the evil spirit answered and said to them, "I recognize Jesus, and I know about Paul, but who are you?" ¹⁶ And the man, in whom was the evil spirit, leaped on them and subdued all of them and overpowered them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded. ¹⁷ This became known to all, both Jews and Greeks, who lived in Ephesus; and fear fell upon them all and the name of the Lord Jesus was being magnified. ¹⁸ Many also of those who had believed kept coming, confessing and disclosing their practices. ¹⁹ And many of those who practiced magic brought their books together and began burning them in the sight of everyone; and they counted up the price of them and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver. ²⁰ So the word of the Lord was growing mightily and prevailing.

O – Observe what God has said

Why do you think God was healing people in the way that he is described as doing here?

What were the Seven sons of Sceva trying to do? Why did they fail?

How does the city respond to what happens?

W – Work on Application

In 2 Timothy 3:2-5, Paul describes those who belong to our fallen world in the following way: "For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good, treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power." Such men are false, fraudulent, and will fall. God knows their game, and evil itself will subdue. Paul says "Avoid such men as these" (2 Timothy 3:5) and in Acts 19 we can understand why. Avoiding is the opposite of entertaining, participating, endorsing, flirting. Are there things of this world—superstitions, falsity, or pagan—that you are getting mixed up in or inviting into your life/your family's life?

Family Discipleship Resource

(Acts 19:11-20)

What may be something that you need to avoid or remove from your life?

What precautions might you need to protect yourself and your family from the lies and deception of the world?

Family Weekly Memory Verse: *"...So the word of the Lord was growing mightily and prevailing."-Acts 19:20*