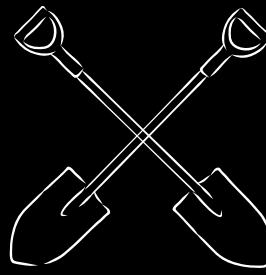


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SUNDAY STUDY RESOURCE

FULL SEND 
VERSE BY VERSE STUDY THROUGH ACTS PART 2

**“The Author of Peace”
ACTS 19:21-41 NKJV**

SYNOPSIS

God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, and when He is at work, His people can remain grounded in truth even when the world around them is in chaos. Continuing in the second half of our verse by verse study through the book of Acts called “Full Send,” Pastor Tim teaches a message from Acts Chapter 19 entitled “The Author of Peace” that includes 4 takeaways from God’s Word that we can apply in our lives.

When the Author of Peace is at work...

- 1) His people won’t become controlled by what’s happening around them
- 2) the values the world holds will be disrupted
- 3) law and order will be the values held in society
- 4) He will have truth bring things back into the light.

We hope this message encourages you to remain grounded in God’s truth, refuse to be controlled by the confusion around you, and pursue wisdom from the One who produces righteousness and peace.

KEY VERSE:

“These who have turned the world upside down have come here too.”

ACTS 17:6 (NKJV)



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Text: Acts 19:21–22

Cross-References: Proverbs 3:5–6; Psalm 37:23; Romans 8:14; James 4:13–15; Acts 16:6–10

Discuss: What does Acts 19:21 reveal about Paul's awareness of where God was leading him, even while he was still serving faithfully where he was? How can we distinguish between a desire that originates with us and a direction that God is actually leading us toward? What role do Scripture, prayer, wisdom, and the Holy Spirit play?

Text: Acts 19:21; Philippians 3:7–14

Cross-References: Luke 9:62; Hebrews 12:1–2; Isaiah 43:18–19; Matthew 6:19–21; 2 Corinthians 5:17

Discuss: In Philippians 3, what does Paul mean when he says he is “forgetting those things which are behind” and “reaching forward”? Why might something that was once good still need to be surrendered to God? How does Luke 9:62 illustrate the spiritual danger of continually looking back?

Text: Acts 19:23–27

Cross-References: John 15:18–20; Romans 12:2; 1 John 2:15–17; Ephesians 5:8–14; 2 Corinthians 5:17

Discuss: Why did Demetrius and the craftsmen become so threatened by the spread of the gospel? What does their reaction reveal about the connection between spiritual beliefs, personal identity, financial interests, and cultural values? According to 1 John 2:15–17, what is ultimately temporary about the values of the world?

FAMILY DISCUSSION *(Questions for your middle-school or high-school children)*

Text: Acts 19:28–34

Cross-References: 1 Corinthians 14:33; James 1:5–8; James 3:13–18; Proverbs 18:13; Proverbs 29:11

Discuss: Acts 19 repeatedly describes the crowd as confused. What evidence of confusion do you see in their words and actions? Why is confusion spiritually dangerous when people begin acting before they understand what is actually happening?

REFLECTIONS

- 1) Is there something I know God has been asking me to release, pursue, or change that I have continued putting off? This week, what is one concrete step I can take toward what God is calling me to rather than continuing to look backward?
- 2) What circumstances most easily determine my emotional state? What daily practice could I establish to intentionally redirect my attention toward Christ when circumstances begin controlling me?
- 3) If someone examined how I spend my time, money, energy, and attention, what would they conclude I value most? What is one area where my stated priorities and my actual habits do not currently match?

