



## Sermon Discussion Guide

Acts: Riots and Idols

Acts 19:23-41

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### Step 1: Reflect on the Text

Read the Scripture printed above. What stands out to you? What do you find interesting and/or important? What is challenging or causes you to have questions?

### Step 2: Reflect on the Sermon

#### INTRODUCTION

1. Ronnie suggested that a person who receives Jesus without any change in his/her life (i.e. hypocrisy?) is the single biggest “turn-off” to Christianity. Can you relate to that? Could you imagine Christians living so differently that it effects the entire economy of a region? (Like what happened in Ephesus?)
2. What was your one, big takeaway from the sermon? How would you summarize the main theme of the sermon in one phrase or sentence?

#### EXPECTATION TO PERSUADE AND USE LOGIC

3. The early Christians had no social or political clout, and it forced them to use persuasion and logic. Do you feel prepared in logic, theology, and philosophy to be persuasive in your community? What is one thing you can do to grow in this area?

#### EXPECTATION FOR CONFLICT

4. The early church knew that no matter how kind they were, their faith would be met with hostility because Jesus always subverts idolatry. Idolatry can be anything that a person looks to (other than God) to give him/her purpose, identity, or security. What idols do you as an individual have? What idols does your culture have? How can you recognize them?

### Step 3: Final Reflections

5. How has your understanding, appreciation, and love for Jesus and the gospel grown as a result of this study?
6. In what areas of faith and practice are you feeling convicted by the Holy Spirit to act as a result of this study?