

Sunday – June 16, 2024



"Seeing the Big Picture"
Acts 19:1-7

We can all get easily distracted. Trying to finish a project, researching online and something catches our eye, and the "Squirrel" effect takes over. Same in our journey with Jesus, we can have all the best intentions, but we can get side-tracked and miss out on what God is doing- and wants us to do.

KEY VERSE: *"Do not be afraid, keep on speaking, do not be silent. For I am with you." (Acts 18:9,10)*

Acts 19. Paul is continuing in the mission God has called him to- advancing God's kingdom. Along the way he continues to meet and develop future leaders including Priscilla, Aquila and Apollos. While in Ephesus he encounters some well-intentioned followers, who did not have the whole story, but were willing to listen and learn. May we do the same.

Read through Acts 18 and 19. How would you summarize Paul's strategy and its success?

God does not keep us guessing. God gives us the help we need to keep His big picture in view, and the ability to stay on task, but the presence of His Holy Spirit.

Holy Spirit keeps me _____.

(Read Acts 18:24-26)

I need to be a lifelong _____.

How well do I respond to corrections?

Read Proverbs 9:8-10. By these verses' description, would I be considered "wise?" Can you think of an example in your life?

Galatians 5:22-23 lists humility as a gift of the Spirit. Would people be able to tell I belong to God by my attitudes? How?

Holy Spirit keeps me in _____.

Read Acts 19:2-6.

Do I know the _____ when I see it

In a world of "fake news" how do I discern real from what I am told is real? How can the Holy Spirit help me? See Acts 17:11 again.

Holy Spirit keeps me moving _____.

Read Acts 19:18-20.

Don't get _____. What things get me "stuck" from moving forward? _____

God's Spirit enables and empowers me to keep moving forward with God's plan.

This week

- Am I using the gift of the Holy Spirit God has given me to move His plan forward?
- Will I see God's big picture and get on board?

Next Week: "Built to Last"