

# Saved by Grace

## Small group questions

*Paul in Ephesus – Acts 19*

Leaders – if the questions make no sense or you don't know the answer – please contact

[bishop@bathurstanglican.org.au](mailto:bishop@bathurstanglican.org.au)

1. You may enjoy reading Acts 19 again. Did anything stand out for you from the passage? Or is there anything about which you need clarification?

### THE GOSPEL UNFOLDS (IS UNDERSTOOD) OVER TIME

2. Why did these disciples not know anything of the Holy Spirit?
3. Do you agree with Mark that some people – even in our churches – only have a partial understanding of the gospel – or a confused understanding of the gospel?
4. Over what period of time did YOU come to understand the gospel in all its fullness?

### THE GOSPEL DIVIDES

5. When and why is not just SHARING Jesus, but **arguing** for and **persuading** people about Jesus needed/appropriate?
6. Share a story of someone you know who has become obstinate when it comes to the gospel. Share a story of someone who became more and more open over time!
7. Does your church have a strategy to share the good news in your town? Do you think it may be possible that someone may one day write: “all of \_\_\_\_\_ heard the word of the Lord”?

### THE GOSPEL IS DEMONSTRATED

8. Share a story of a wonderful answer to prayer in regard to someone's diagnosis. (We need to see God at work in the ordinary as well as the extraordinary!)

### THE GOSPEL TRANSFORMS LIVES

9. What might it take for believers who have been shy about their trust in Jesus, to openly confess they have become believers?
10. Why did these new believers burn their old scrolls associated with their idol worship?
11. What might radically transformed lives look like in our church? How/why do we get in the way of God's transforming work?

### THE GOSPEL TOPPLES IDOLS

12. All that remains of the great temple of Artemis today is a few scattered columns and fragments. And yet the gospel of Jesus Christ is alive and well and continuing to spread around the world! Paul was clear: man-made gods are no gods at all. Discuss.
13. How can we help people to see that today? What are some of the man-made gods members of your family are caught up in?
14. What will you take home from this passage, sermon and discussion?

*Pray that we might see the Gospel continue to unfold for people. Pray that some of us will be bold to argue and persuade about Jesus. Pray that we might see the Gospel demonstrated today in wonderful healing and other powerful answers to prayer. Pray that we might see lives today radically transformed by the gospel – even if at cost – people throw their trinkets (as it were) on to the fire! And pray that we might be clear in our hearts and in our conversations with others, that man-made gods are no gods at all! And to God be the glory!*