

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

These questions are designed to help you talk about God's word and Pastor Brian's message with friends and family. You of course can use your own questions, but we'd like to give you this tool to encourage Biblical fellowship and discipleship in your circle of relationships. We hope you are well and discovering new ways to relate to God and His Word.

"NEW AFFECTIONS"

ACTS 19: 11-20

PASTOR BRIAN

WARM-UP QUESTION:

What's your favorite comfort food or drink when you don't feel well?

"Extraordinary Miracles" (Acts 19: 11-12)

God performs some unique miracles to grab the attention of the people of Ephesus who had a unique culture of sorcery. What are other ways God has uniquely reached people you've seen or heard of?

"Secondhand Jesus" (Acts 19: 13-17)

Some Ephesians tried to do miracles even though they only knew Jesus secondhand, not personally. What are signs someone only knows Jesus secondhand? What are signs someone is moving towards a firsthand knowledge of Jesus?

"Finding Freedom" (Acts 19: 18-20)

Ephesians sacrifice many valuable spell books as part of their commitment to Jesus. How would you explain to someone else the freedom found in giving up some obsession or worldly attachment?

REFLECTION QUESTION:

Pastor Brian uses Jonathan Edward's idea of new affections (love and commitment) leading to new behaviors. In other words, change starts in the heart as someone stops worshipping something weak or false and starts worshipping Almighty God. The behavior follows the affections. Are you willing to make changes to better follow Jesus? What changes have you noticed in your life because of following Jesus?