



## HomeGroup Discussion Questions

Week 8: Oct 31-Nov 6

“About that time there arose no little disturbance concerning the Way” (Acts 19:23). No-little-disturbance. How could the good news about Jesus inspire a mob to form and shout in protest? Answer: the good news was a *disturbance*. The message of the gospel interferes with the status quo—of our lives, our communities, and our culture. And as it does, transformation takes place...but so does irritation!

**MAIN TEXT:** Acts 19 (with emphasis on verses 18-41)

### CONNECT

1. What stood out to you most in the sermon?
2. What's your (least) favorite Nicholas Cage movie?

### LEARN

3. What examples do you see of lives being transformed by God's power in chapter 19? Where do you see opposition to God?
4. Part of Paul's message is that “gods made with hands are not gods” (v. 26). Why do you think this was offensive to Demetrius and others in Ephesus?
5. How would you explain Demetrius' opposition in verses 23-27? What was motivating him to rally others against “the Way”?
6. According to Pastor Thomas, what is an idol and why do idols have no place in the life of a Christian?

### APPLY

7. Do you think the gospel “disturbs” our world today? If so, how does it cause a disturbance? In not, why doesn't it have this kind of impact?
8. What are the idols today in our setting that need to be called out? To help, think through the words of the sermon:

What things overpromise (with respect to hope, significance, identity, comfort, etc.) but are destined to underdeliver?

What otherwise good things have we made ultimate things?

9. What step or two could you take to root out an idol in your life?