



Leader's Guide

Week of September 17

The Big Idea

Christianity cleanses and transforms culture; Christianity has the power to transform death to life!

Getting Started

1. What is the greatest display of power you've ever seen?

2. What is the greatest display of transformation you've ever seen?
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Digging In

1. **Read Acts 19:21-41.** What was the issue at hand for Demetrius and the crowd in Ephesus?
***Leader's Note:** The issue was "the Way" (i.e. Christianity) was threatening Demetrius' business, which was tied in with the religion of the city of Ephesus. Basically, religion, politics, and economy were all tied up together and so threatening religion threatened every other part of their culture.
2. **Read Acts 20:1-6.** What does Paul make sure he does before going off on another bout of travelling? What does that show about Paul's priorities?
***Leader's Note:** He calls his disciples and encourages them. We often think of Paul as this great evangelizer and missionary, but in reality - he spent just as much time (if not MUCH more time) creating disciples and encouraging/equipping them to do the mission.
3. **Read Acts 20:7-12.** Why were the people "not a little comforted?" What would you do if you saw this?
***Leader's Note:** They saw Eutychus raised from

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the dead! They were comforted/encouraged because Paul's message and words were verified by his ability to resurrect Eutychus, which was likely the very thing Paul was teaching about (Jesus' resurrection).

Looking Around

1. In what ways are religion, politics, and economy tied together in our context? What are the pros and con of this?
 2. Who are your "disciples?" Who are the people who look up to you or people whom you can instruct? Are you encouraging them?
 3. In what ways have you seen resurrection in your life?
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Pray

Pray that the power of God would turn the things in your world and week that are dead to life!