

Bold and Powerful  
Week's reading: Acts 18:1-20:12  
Discussion Guide: Nov 19, 2023

**CHECK UP:**

Memory work: "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household." Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his household were baptized. - Acts 16:31-33

In what way did you live in surrender to the gospel this past week?

**OPEN:**

- Who did you B.L.E.S.S. this past week? What action steps did you take?
  - o How did you live bold and powerful this past week?
- What stood out to you from this past week's reading?
  - o What questions do you have?

**READ and ASK: Acts 19:1-20**

- This text has a lot taking place within it, what was your mind most drawn to? Why?
- What did Paul ask the twelve men in Ephesus?
  - o What do you think triggered Paul to ask that?
  - o Why do you think he asked that?
- What battles might Paul fight if he were a missionary in our community?
- Why did people both fear and praise Jesus?
  - o What does it look like to "fear" Jesus?
- How do people prove themselves "moldable" by God and His Word in this text?
  - o Why did those who practice magic burn their books publicly?
  - o What is the value of public confession?
  - o When should sins be confessed publicly?
- What was the end result of people being moldable and repenting?

**APPLY:**

- How long did it take you to become a Christian?
  - o What did that process look like for you? Over time how did your life look different? What decisions did you have to start/stop making?
  
- What difference has/does the Spirit make in your life? What are the evidence?
  
- How does the mouldability of the people in this text challenge you?
  - o How moldable/flexible do you think you are when you are challenged by God's word?
  - o What do you need to confess and "burn" in order to be used by God?
  
- NEXT STEP: What is one area of your life that you need to be more "moldable" in?
  - o Is there anyone you need to confess a sin to in order to serve God more faithfully?

Memory Work:

Many of those who believed now came and openly confessed what they had done. A number who had practiced sorcery brought their scrolls together and burned them publicly. When they calculated the value of the scrolls, the total came to fifty thousand drachmas. In this way the word of the Lord spread widely and grew in power.

- Acts 19:18-20

Next Week's Reading:

Acts 20:13-23:11