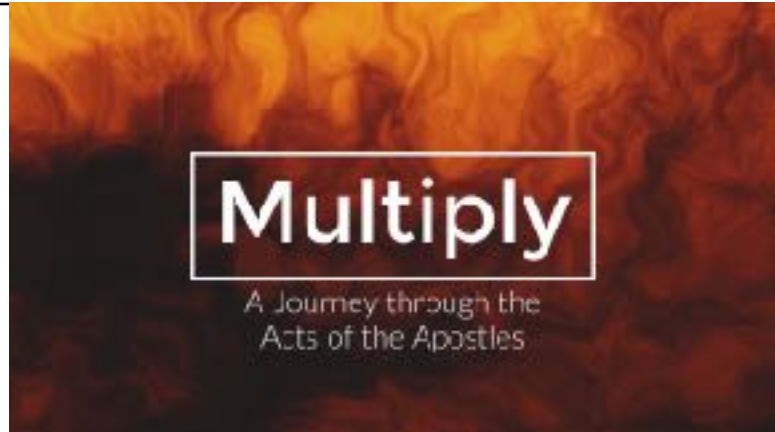

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Key Questions

What is this sermon about?

This sermon is about...

Why is this sermon important?

It is important because...

What is the good news?

The good news is...

What are the next action steps?

You are invited to...

What is the context of this sermon?

[Place, congregation, series information, time, current events, etc.]

What are other key takeaways?

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Introduction

Acts 19:23-29, CEB

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²⁸Once they heard this, they were beside themselves with anger and began to shout, "Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!"

Response to Scripture

One: The word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.



Sermon Starter Video

Play sermon starter video.

Opening Story

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Transition

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Story of Pentecost

Reminder of why we are preaching this worship series

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Paul, Aquila, and Priscilla

¹After this, Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. ²There he found a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus. He had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla because Claudius had ordered all Jews to leave Rome. Paul visited with them. ³Because they practiced the same trade, he stayed and worked with them. They all worked with leather. ⁴Every Sabbath he interacted with people in the synagogue, trying to convince both Jews and Greeks.

Application: Join with people who do the same thing - Wesley Small Group

Apollos and his ministry - Chapter 18

²⁴Meanwhile, a certain Jew named Apollos arrived in Ephesus. He was a native of Alexandria and was well-educated and effective in his use of the scriptures. ²⁵He had been instructed in the way of the Lord and spoke as one stirred up by the Spirit. **He taught accurately the things about Jesus, even though he was aware only of the baptism John proclaimed and practiced.** ²⁶He began speaking with confidence in the synagogue. When Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they received him into their circle of friends and explained to him God's way more accurately. ²⁷When he wanted to travel to Achaia, the brothers and sisters encouraged him and wrote to the disciples so they would open their homes to him. Once he arrived, he was of great help to those who had come to believe through grace. ²⁸**He would vigorously defeat Jewish arguments in public debate, using the scriptures to prove that Jesus was the Christ.**

Application: We aren't the only ones who are doing good - work of others

Relationship between Paul and Apollos - Corinthians 3:4-9

⁴When someone says, "I belong to Paul," and someone else says, "I belong to Apollos," aren't you acting like people without the Spirit? ⁵After all, what is Apollos? What is Paul? They are servants who helped you to believe. Each one had a role given to them by the Lord: ⁶I planted, Apollos watered, but God made it grow. ⁷Because of this, neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but the only one who is anything is God who makes it grow. ⁸The one who plants and the one who waters work together, but each one will receive their own reward for their own labor. ⁹We are God's coworkers, and you are God's field, God's building.

Application: Don't worry about the credit, work together for God.

Seven Brothers Attempt to Throw out Evil Spirits

¹³There were some Jews who traveled around throwing out evil spirits. They tried to use the power of the name of the Lord Jesus against some people with evil spirits. They said, "In the name of the Jesus whom Paul preaches, I command you!" ¹⁴The seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, were doing this.

¹⁵The evil spirit replied, "I know Jesus and I'm familiar with Paul, but who are you?" ¹⁶The person who had an evil spirit jumped on them and overpowered them all with such force that they ran out of that house naked and wounded. ¹⁷This became known to the Jews and Greeks living in Ephesus. Everyone was seized with fear and they held the name of the Lord Jesus in the highest regard.

Application: Do we seek things for our own benefit?

Many came to believe

¹⁸Many of those who had come to believe came, confessing their past practices. ¹⁹This included a number of people who practiced sorcery. They collected their sorcery texts and burned them publicly. The value of those materials was calculated at more than someone might make if they worked for one hundred sixty-five years. (\$2.5 million)

²⁰In this way the Lord's word grew abundantly and strengthened powerfully.

Application: God can work through even our misguided attempts

²¹Once these things had come to an end, Paul, guided by the Spirit, decided to return to Jerusalem, taking a route that would carry him through the provinces of Macedonia and Achaia. He said, "After I have been there, I must visit Rome as well." ²²He sent two of his assistants, Timothy and Erastus, to Macedonia, while he remained awhile in the province of Asia.

Demetrius and a Disturbance in Ephesus

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²⁹The city was thrown into turmoil. They rushed as one into the theater. They seized Gaius and Aristarchus, Paul's traveling companions from the province of Macedonia. ³⁰Paul wanted to appear before the assembly, but the disciples wouldn't allow him. ³¹Even some officials of the province of Asia, who were Paul's friends, sent word to him, urging him not to risk going into the theater. **³²Meanwhile, the assembly was in a state of confusion. Some shouted one thing, others shouted something else, and most of the crowd didn't know why they had gathered.** ³³The Jews sent Alexander to the front, and some of the crowd directed their words toward him. He gestured that he wanted to offer a defense before the assembly, ³⁴but when they realized he was a Jew, they all shouted in unison, "Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!" This continued for about two hours.

³⁵The city manager brought order to the crowd and said, "People of Ephesus, doesn't everyone know that the city of Ephesus is guardian of the temple of the great Artemis and of her image, which fell from heaven? ³⁶Therefore, since these facts are undeniable, you must calm down. Don't be reckless. ³⁷The men you brought here have neither robbed the temple nor slandered our goddess. ³⁸Therefore, if Demetrius and the craftspeople with him have a charge against anyone, the courts are in session and governors are available. They can press charges against each other there. ³⁹Additional disputes can be resolved in a legal assembly. ⁴⁰As for us, we are in danger of being charged with rioting today, since we can't justify this unruly gathering." ⁴¹After he said this, he dismissed the assembly.

Application: What could we do that would cause people to rush to the stadium?

Conclusion

Good News

Call to Action

Invitation

Closing Prayer

Jesus, I am sorry for all the times in my life when I mess up.

And if anything comes to mind, ask God's forgiveness.

Forgive me of my sin and all that I know is wrong.
Thank you that you died on the cross and rose for me.
I trust you with my life.
Help me receive your forgiveness.
Please fill me with your Spirit and help me to follow you.
In your holy name, Amen.