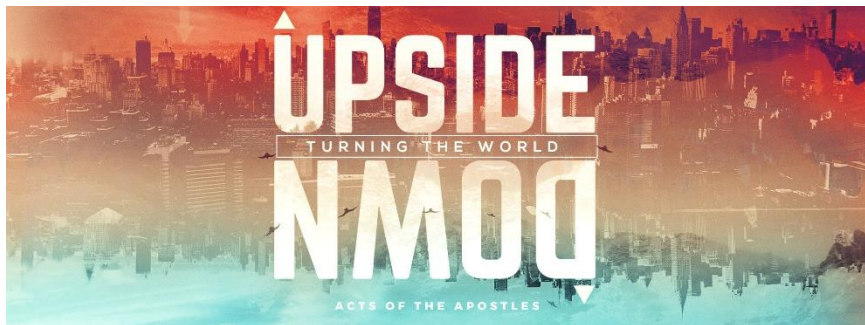




A Crisis Averted

Life Group Study, Week of February 19, 2023

Engage.

What was the most useful souvenir you ever brought home from a travel adventure?

Look at the Book. Read Acts 19:21-41.

If you had the opportunity to hear the message on Sunday, was there a scripture, a thought or an impression that moved you personally? Did you have any questions?

What does Paul's declaration in verse 21, "*I must also see Rome*" reveal about the scope of his vision for the gospel?

Have you personally experienced the dynamic described in this week's message, that "*after a spiritual victory there frequently comes a spiritual counter-attack*"?

What emerging crisis did Demetrius the silversmith present to the artisans and craftsmen in Ephesus (verses 23-27)?

To what motivations did he appeal in order to incite their passions in each of the following verses?

Verse 25

Verse 26

Verse 27a

Verse 27b

What should, perhaps, have been self-evident to Demetrius and his colleagues by his statement in verse 26? Compare Isaiah 44:9-20.

What resulted from Demetrius' incitements in verses 29-34? How does verse 32 perfectly capture a "mob mentality"?

By what process of persuasion did the city official avert a serious crisis for all involved?

Apply.

How does this story illustrate eventualities we might expect when we choose to participate in the advance of the gospel?

What warnings for Christians are contained in this story?

How are you personally encouraged by this story?

Prayer