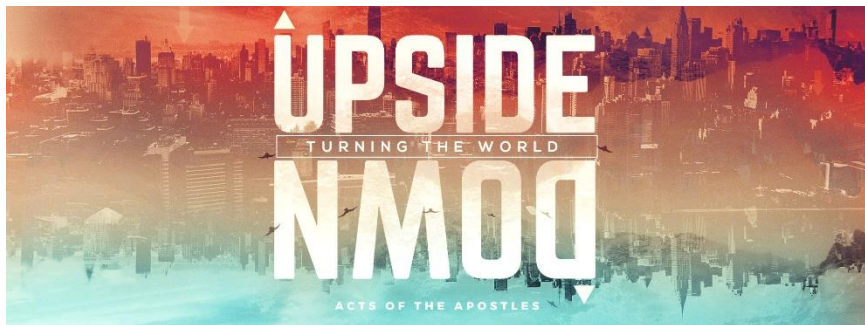




The Ephesian Dozen

Life Group Study, Week of February 5, 2023

Engage.

Name a destination to which you have had opportunity to travel, and to which you would most like to return. What makes it such a compelling destination for you?

Look at the Book. Read Acts 19:1-10.

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?

List everything Luke tells us in verses 1-3 about the men Paul encountered upon his return to Ephesus.

What do you think led Paul to ask the question he did in verse 2?

What was surprising about the answer given by the twelve men?

Read Matthew 3:11 and John 1:29-34. Given the message of John, is it plausible that these Jews who had received his

baptism had never even heard of the existence of the Holy Spirit? If not, what is a more likely interpretation?

Read Matthew 3:1-6. What was the nature and meaning of John's baptism? In what ways was it different from Christian baptism (e.g., Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 2:41; 8:12)?

Which of the following best describes who these men were when Paul first met them? Why?

- a) Christian disciples
- b) Old Testament saints, but not Christian disciples
- c) Pagans

When Paul baptized these men in the name of the Lord Jesus, what happened? How was their conversion experience like or different from those in Acts 2:1-4; 8:14-17; or 10:44-48?

How did the conversion experience of the Ephesian Dozen contrast with that of, for example, the Ethiopian eunuch (Acts 8:26-39), or Saul (9:17-19), or the Gentiles in Pisidian Antioch (13:48), or Lydia (16:14-15) or the Philippian jailer (16:30-33)?

Should we, then, regard the manifestation of supernatural signs such as tongues or prophesying to be normative at conversion or thereafter for everyone who believes in Jesus? Why or why not? See also 1 Corinthians 12:27-30. What is the presumed answer to each of Paul's questions in verses 29-30?

According to Paul in 1 Corinthians 12:12-13, what is true of everyone who believes in Jesus? According to 1 John 5:12, what one factor is essential for eternal life?