



# WISDOM AND MATURITY

## UNDERSTANDING THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

### ACTS 19:1-12

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1. Know \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.1-4)

2. Know \_\_\_\_\_ (v.5)

3. Know \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.6-12)

**Acts 19:1** And it happened that while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the inland country and came to Ephesus. There he found some disciples. **2** And he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" And they said, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." **3** And he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They said, "Into John's baptism." **4** And Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, Jesus." **5** On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. **6** And when Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began speaking in tongues and prophesying. **7** There were about twelve men in all. **8** And he entered the synagogue and for three months spoke boldly, reasoning and persuading them about the kingdom of God. **9** But when some became stubborn and continued in unbelief, speaking evil of the Way before the congregation, he withdrew from them and took the disciples with him, reasoning daily in the hall of Tyrannus. **10** This continued for two years, so that all the residents of Asia heard the word of the Lord, both Jews and Greeks. **11** And God was doing extraordinary miracles by the hands of Paul, **12** so that even handkerchiefs or aprons that had touched his skin were carried away to the sick, and their diseases left them and the evil spirits came out of them. (ESV)

# Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **Ezekiel 36:26-27**. The New Testament reality of the personal transformation of Christians caused by the Holy Spirit was looked forward to from the Old Testament. In what ways do you see the fruit of this in your life?
2. Read **John 14:15-17**. How does this truth comfort and motivate you to live a distinctively Christlike life in our fallen and ungodly culture?
3. Read **John 16:7-10**. In what ways can you attest to the conviction that Jesus said the Holy Spirit would bring?
4. Read **Acts 1:16; 28:25-26** and **Hebrews 10:15-17**. Ponder the implications of these passages regarding the Holy Spirit's authoritative voice. How should these truths change the way we read the Bible?
5. Read **Ephesians 4:30**. After thoughtfully reading that short verse, go back and read v.29 and v.31. While obviously not a complete list, how might these examples raise your awareness and concern as to the ways your words and attitude impact the third-person of the Triune God? How can you be more mindful of this?

The following related sermons are also available for downloading or streaming on the Focal Point Website and App (FPR.org).

- Msg. 21-17 – **The Promise of the Holy Spirit**
- Msg. 19-32 – **The Miraculous Launch of His Church**
- Msg. 13-57 – **Regeneration & the Baptism of the Holy Spirit**
- Msg. 13-58 – **The Indwelling & Sealing of the Holy Spirit**
- Msg. 13-59 – **The Holy Spirit and Spiritual Gifts**
- Msg. 13-56 – **The Titles and Emblems of the Holy Spirit**
- Msg. 04-21 – 04-25 – **Untwisting the Tongues Issue** (a five-part series on 1 Cor.14)

## Daily Bible Reading Schedule

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|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| April 30 <sup>th</sup> ..... | 2Sam.23-24 & Lk.22:31-53 |
| May 1 <sup>st</sup> .....    | 1Kgs.1-2 & Lk.22:54-71   |
| May 2 <sup>nd</sup> .....    | 1Kgs.3-5 & Lk.23:1-26    |
| May 3 <sup>rd</sup> .....    | 1Kgs.6-7 & Lk.23:27-38   |
| May 4 <sup>th</sup> .....    | 1Kgs.8-9 & Lk.23:39-56   |
| May 5 <sup>th</sup> .....    | 1Kgs.10-11 & Lk.24:1-35  |
| May 6 <sup>th</sup> .....    | 1Kgs.12-13 & Lk.24:36-53 |
| May 7 <sup>th</sup> .....    | 1Kgs.14-15 & Jn.1:1-28   |

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

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- Thomas, Robert L. **Understanding Spiritual Gifts: A Verse-by-Verse Study of 1 Corinthians 12-14**. Kregel, 1999.
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