



WISDOM AND MATURITY

CONFIDENT IN GOD'S EVER-ADVANCING GOSPEL
ACTS 19:35-41

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1. Be _____ (vv.35-41)

2. Trust _____ (vv.35a, 41)

3. Never _____ (v.37)

Acts 19:35 And when the town clerk had quieted the crowd, he said, "Men of Ephesus, who is there who does not know that the city of the Ephesians is temple keeper of the great Artemis, and of the sacred stone that fell from the sky? **36** Seeing then that these things cannot be denied, you ought to be quiet and do nothing rash. **37** For you have brought these men here who are neither sacrilegious nor blasphemers of our goddess. **38** If therefore Demetrius and the craftsmen with him have a complaint against anyone, the courts are open, and there are proconsuls. Let them bring charges against one another. **39** But if you seek anything further, it shall be settled in the regular assembly. **40** For we really are in danger of being charged with rioting today, since there is no cause that we can give to justify this commotion." **41** And when he had said these things, he dismissed the assembly. (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 **Ephesians 2:18-22** and **Matthew 16:18**. How do these passages about what God is doing in the world (and in our county) stand in contrast to what we hear the culture saying about us and our evangelistic endeavor?
2. Read **Acts 2:41; 2:47; 4:4; 5:14; 6:1; 6:7; 9:31; 11:21; 11:24; 13:48-49; 14:1; 14:21; 16:5; 17:12; 18:8**. How might a knowledge and recollection of these truths have helped Gaius and Aristarchus in Acts 19:28-29?
3. Read **2 Thessalonians 1:3-9** and **1 Corinthians 3:9, 16-17**. How do these sobering texts help you to respond to the opponents of the church and the gospel with less hostility and vitriol?
4. Read **Acts 20:22-24**. How should this good perspective on life change the way you look at your sphere of influence and your weekly schedule?
5. Read **1 Peter 3:13-17**. How can you live out this practical preparedness and positive mindset more consistently, as you seek to be a light where God has placed you?

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

Msg. 19-34 – **The Invincible Lord of His Church**
Msg. 20-08 – **Praying for Courage**
Msg. 06-38 – **Acquiring Strength & Stamina from an Omnipotent God**
Msg. 17-36 – **Shining the Truth in a Dark Culture**
Msg. 03-04 – **When the Monastery Is Not an Option**
Msg. 16-30 – **Worldly Sensibilities & Godly Zeal**
Msg. 10-05 – **Evangelistic Opposition: How to Respond to Objections**

Daily Bible Reading Schedule

June 4th 2Chr. 13-16 & Jn. 14
June 5th 2Chr. 17-19 & Jn. 15
June 6th 2Chr. 20-22 & Jn. 16:1-15
June 7th 2Chr. 23-25 & Jn. 16:16-33
June 8th 2Chr. 26-28 & Jn. 17
June 9th 2Chr. 29-31 & Jn. 18:1-23
June 10th 2Chr. 32-33 & Jn. 18:24-40
June 11th 2Chr. 34-36 & Jn. 19:1-22

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.

Bond, Douglas. **The Mighty Weakness of John Knox**. Reformation Publishing Trust, 2011.
Carson, D. A. **Scandalous: The Cross and the Resurrection of Jesus**. Crossway, 2010.
Coleman, Robert E. **The Master Plan of Evangelism**. Spire Books, 1963.
Downs, Tim. **Finding Common Ground**. Moody Press, 1999.
Hendricks, Howard G. **Say It with Love**. Victor Books, 1972.
McClain, Alva. **The Greatness of the Kingdom: An Inductive Study of the Kingdom of God**. BMH Books, 1974.
Packer, J. I. **Evangelism and the Sovereignty of God**. InterVarsity Press, 1991.
Pearcy, Nancy. **Total Truth: Liberating Christianity from Its Cultural Captivity**. Crossway, 2008.
Piper, John. **Let the Nations Be Glad! The Supremacy of God in Missions**. Baker Books, 1993.
Pippert, Rebecca Manley. **Out of the Salt-Shaker**. InterVarsity Press, 1979.
Schreiner, Thomas & Bruce Ware. **Still Sovereign: Perspectives on Election, Foreknowledge & Grace**. Baker, 2000.
Spurgeon, Charles Haddon. **The Soul Winner**. Reprint. Whitaker House, 1995.
Stott, John R. W. **Your Mind Matters**. InterVarsity, 1972.