



Sunday Sermon Discussion Outline

Pastor Philip Thomas, April 11, 2021

Acts 19:1-20 – The Holy Spirit & Evil Spirits

We Learn:

In this passage, we read about the Holy Spirit and evil spirits. The Bible makes very matter-of-fact statements about both. Evil spirits exist but are subject to the direct and delegated authority of God. In fact, as the sons of Sceva discovered, evil spirits know Jesus and about his followers, they know who has authority over them. A child of God has to be filled with the Holy Spirit and, as a result, will be able to discern and deal with evil spirits.

- What were the nature of the extraordinary miracles that God did through Paul?
- When the Bible describes evil spirits being driven out why is the focus on *why* they left versus *how* they were driven out (the method)?
- What can we learn from the experience of the sons of Sceva with the evil spirit? What is significant about what the evil spirit said to them?
- How can we tell that those who practiced sorcery had truly repented? What is the connection between their repentance and the work of the Holy Spirit?
- How were the 12 men that Paul encountered brought into a fuller understanding of Jesus and the gospel? What happened as a result?

We Respond:

- What do you believe about the person and ministry of the Holy Spirit? Why?
- What do you believe about the work of evil spirits? Why?
- How can you discern between your voice, the world's voice, the voice of demons, and the voice of the Holy Spirit?

We Apply:

- In what areas of your life do you need to resist the devil?
- How can you exercise the authority of God over evil spirits?