Oct 25, 2026 Small Group Questions
Acts 19 "We Become What We Worship"

1. What are some of the things people in our culture look to for identity, security, significance, or hope? Why are these things so compelling? In what way do we become shaped by their patterns and desires?

Read Acts 19:18–41 together.

2. What changes were taking place in Ephesus as people responded to Jesus (Acts 19:18–27)? Why did Demetrius see the Christian movement as such a threat?

3. What do Demetrius's words and the crowd's response (vv. 23–34) reveal about the relationship between what we worship and fear and anger?

4. When the town clerk calms the crowd (vv. 35–41), what is striking about where the Ephesians finally turn for reassurance? Where might we turn when something we rely on is threatened?

5. The sermon suggested that our fears, anger, and sadness can reveal what we have made ultimate. How might these emotions help us recognize what has taken too large a place in our hearts?

6. Why is simply removing an idol, or replacing it with another source of identity unlikely to bring lasting freedom? What would it mean for a greater love to displace it?

7. How does the gospel give us an identity, security, and future that our accomplishments, relationships, or possessions cannot provide? What aspect of Jesus's love do you most need to behold?

8. As worship of Jesus changed lives in Ephesus, it began to change the city, and eventually an empire. What might become different in our relationships, priorities, generosity, or service as we increasingly worship Jesus?

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