

August 17-23, 2008

# Religions

**Ice Breaker** Share an experience that you have had with another religion.

**Read** Read Acts 19:23-41 together.

- Discuss**
1. What is Demetrius' motivation(s) for rallying the craftsman against Paul?
  2. How did the gospel message threaten the collective identity of Ephesus?
  3. The story focuses upon how a movement away from idol worship would effect the Ephesian economy and society. How do you think the gospel message should affect modern day economies and/or societies?
  4. What questions does the passage leave you with?
  5. What points stood out to you from this week's sermon?
  6. How do you think Christians should engage their surrounding culture? What might we learn from Acts 19 about how to engage culture?

**Pray** Close by sharing prayer requests and praying for each other. Take some time to pray for the church and its witness to the world. Ask that God would give our church leaders vision for reaching our communities with the gospel message.