

## Doctrine Matters Discussion Questions

Acts 19:1-20

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1. What is your response when you hear the word doctrine?
2. Read Jeremiah 10:8, Ephesians 4:14, Colossians 2:22, 1 Timothy 4:1, and Hebrews 13:9. What do these verses say about the dangers of false doctrine. What damage can false doctrine do?
3. In what ways does our doctrine affect our behavior?
4. Read Matthew 28:18-20 and Acts 1:8. What authority does Jesus have? What does He tell us to do? How will He help us?
5. Paul went where he saw a need for the gospel to be preached. Look around you at the people you are with at work, at school, at the store etc. Who or where do you see a need for the gospel to be shared? How can you share the gospel in that area?
6. Read Romans 8:9. When do we receive the Holy Spirit? According to Acts 1:8, what are we supposed to do once we have the Holy Spirit?
7. Do you feel the Holy Spirit at work in your life? Why or why not? If so, how does He work in your life? Would you be able to recognize it if the Holy Spirit were removed from your life? Why or why not?
8. Why is it important to get baptized after you believe in Christ? Is there anything that we are missing or lacking if we don't get baptized?
9. Read Romans 9:2-3. Paul was willing to go to Hell for others to come to Christ. What was Paul willing to suffer for others to know Christ? What were some things Paul suffered on earth? What are you willing to suffer for others to come to Christ? Do you have a fervent desire for others to know God? Why or why not?
10. Look back at your life from the time you were saved till now. How have you become more like Christ over time?
11. Is there an area where you have hardened your heart?
12. Did Paul share the gospel with everyone he could? Did he waste time on those who didn't want to listen? Why or why not? Does this mean we should not share the gospel with those we think won't listen? Why or why not? How can we determine when it is right to share the gospel and to pursue someone or when we shouldn't waste our time? After a period of time, can a person go from someone we should waste our time on, to a person we should share the gospel with? Why or why not?
13. What was Jesus' purpose in performing the miracles He did when He was on earth? Are these still the reasons God would perform miracles today? Why or why not? What reasons might God have for not performing miracles today? What cautions should we have about "miracles" we may see happen today? What questions can we ask to see if they come from God or not?

14. How are we involved in spiritual warfare? Do you feel capable and prepared for fighting in this battle? Why or why not? What do we need to do everyday to prepare for this spiritual battle?
15. What benefits are there to confessing our sins to other believers? Why do we usually keep our sins to ourselves? What do we fear in sharing our sins with other people? What comes to us if we do share our sins with the right kind of person?
16. Read James 5:16. Is there a sin you would like to confess to the group or someone in the group? (Remember everything shared here is to stay confidential.) Take time to pray for one another. Maybe make time and be available to form accountability partnerships with someone in the group.
17. What do you plan to do that will help you to repent and not go back to your sin?