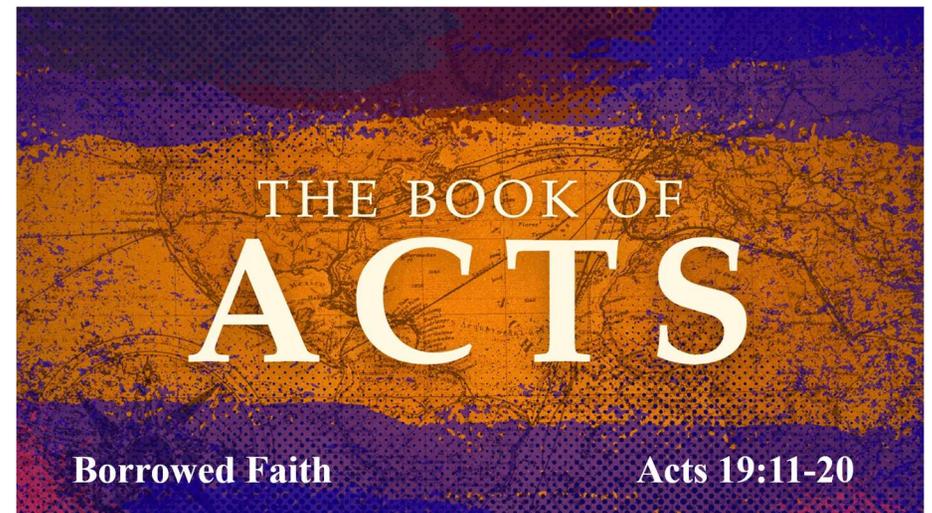


## Vs. 17-20 – True Worship Bore Fruit

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1. The Ephesian believers burned books worth the equivalent of millions of dollars. What has genuine repentance cost you? Is there something you are still holding onto that needs to be "burned"?
2. If we are truly worshiping Jesus, we will bear the fruit of repentance. On a practical level, what is the difference between someone who is sinless and someone who sins less and repents quickly?
3. How does your worship of God affect the way you live during the week?
4. Verse 20 says the word of the Lord *increased and prevailed* as a result of the people's repentance and worship. How does personal repentance contribute to the spread of the gospel?
5. What would it look like for God's Word to "increase and prevail" through your life?

# Sermon Discussion Points for



Calvary Chapel Groups

Sunday, February 22, 2026

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**Read Acts 19:11-20 – The sons of Sceva thought they could use the Name of Jesus as some kind of magic, without having a relationship with Him. They discovered that their secondhand faith left them humiliated and powerless.**

### Vs. 11-22 – God Used Paul Powerfully

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1. What stands out to you about the miracles God did through Paul?
2. Why is it important that the text says *God* was doing the miracles and not Paul?
3. Paul's life in Christ was critical to his mission. What does it mean for your life to be "hidden with Christ"?
4. Paul's relationship with Christ was so real that even objects he touched carried God's power. How does your personal walk with Christ affect the people around you?
5. In what ways can we sometimes seek to be used by God without being fully surrendered to Him?

### Vs. 13-14 – Some Sought God's Power Without His Lordship

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1. The sons of Sceva wanted God's power without God's authority over their lives. In what ways are people today tempted to do the same — seeking God's blessings while avoiding His lordship?

2. What are some modern examples of treating faith like a formula instead of a relationship?
3. How can church attendance or religious activity become a substitute for real faith?
4. Why is it dangerous to know *about* Jesus without actually knowing Him?
5. What does personal submission to Christ look like in everyday life? In what ways is this submission challenging for you?

### Vs. 15-16 – Secondhand Faith Was Powerless

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1. Why did the demon recognize Jesus and Paul but not the sons of Sceva?
2. What does this story teach us about spiritual authority?
3. The demon asked, "*Who are you?*" — and they had no answer. If the enemy assessed your relationship with Christ today, what evidence would he find? Would your name be known in hell?
4. The faith of a spouse, parent, or sibling offers no protection. Has there been a moment in your life when you realized your faith needed to become personally your own?
5. What steps can you take to grow deeper in your personal relationship with Christ?

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