



Blueprints

A RESOURCE FOR DISCIPLESHIP

Read Acts 19: 11-41 before going into the following section.

Blueprint: What do we do when we read a portion of the Bible which is hard to comprehend, or even believe? We live in a very confusing age. It has been named “postmodernism.” What does that mean? The era of modernity began with the Enlightenment which accompanied the Reformation of the 16th Century. Human reasoning took over the pursuit of truth. Science became a primary focus of this search.

In the midst of our world in the 20th Century the prevailing culture seems to have reached a place where human reason left our inquiries in a state of bankruptcy. No longer does it believe in absolute truth but now relativism. The human being is left in the position to decide for oneself what is true. Experience becomes primary in the journey of faith. So when we come to a passage like Acts 19: 11-17 we wonder...

Step 1: consider the context of the particular Bible verses.

Who is Artemis? Why were there so many demonic spirits present in this city?

How was Paul attacking the darkness of the culture?

Why were handkerchiefs, or aprons used in tent making, with Paul’s sweat used by God to heal the sick?

Step 2: do you trust that Luke such a diligent historian would enhance, or fabricate stories?

There are three clear displays of divine power- healing of the sick, spiritual warfare with demons, and the confrontation of the culture with the truth of Jesus. If we played the game of Ripley’s Believe it or Not, then what is your decision and why?

How does your faith grow through reading and studying this text?

Step 3: applying the text in your postmodern world.

Remember I said truth lies in the radical middle. On the one side we have cessationist, who believe this story is true but the age of Apostolic miracles has stopped, ceased with the death of the original disciples. Prominent conservative theologians like John MacArthur fit into this camp as well as liberal skeptics in our world of human reason. On the other side are Spiritualists and Charismatics who believe they can replicate these identical miracles. Folks like Dr. Michael Brown challenge the viewpoint of MacArthur.

Take time to reflect on readings you have done on this topic of present day miracles, or experiences with miracles you have encountered. Have you seen or heard about anointed handkerchiefs today?

Blueprint- Now consider the Bible’s other stories of miracles- Moses with his rod splitting water, or rocks, or instituting plagues. Or, in the life of Jesus healings by spoken word, or spittle on an eyelid. Where do you stand in your belief of the miraculous today? Or, in the struggle against demonic forces, or making a stand in your culture that challenges the worldview of friends, neighbors, work associates.

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We welcome you today to enter into the fellowship we have with one another through Jesus Christ. During the worship service opening time of praise there is an opportunity to bring your tithes and offerings forward as an expression of worship and place them in the offering plates provided. We invite everyone to complete the communication card and place it in the offering plate also. In the narthex there is an offering plate for those who prefer to place their offering and communication card there.



January 15, 2017

Entering His Courts with Praise ...Be Grateful

Singing “I Will Call Upon The Lord”
Offering “I’m Blessed”
“I’m Forever Grateful”

Children’s Story Karen Chronister

Celebrating the Work of Christ ...Be Repentant

Call To Worship
Special Music “Wise Men Still Follow The Star” Mike and Susan Sievers

Seeking the Healing of Our Hearts ...Be Cleansed

Kid’s Own Church
Singing “Refiner’s Fire”

Empowering of the Word and Spirit ...Be Spirit Filled

Scripture Acts 19: 1-10 Roger Janeway
Message Case Study #2: The Missing Ingredient Pastor Jim

Sharing in the Body of Christ ...Be Committed

Singing “The Church’s One Foundation” Hymnal 311

Praying for Ourselves and Others ...Be Prayerful

Prayer
Singing “Draw Me Close To You”

Connecting with the Heart of God ...Be Worshipful

Special Music “Glorious Impossible” Quartet
Singing “We’ve A Story To Tell To The Nations”
Pastoral Blessing

***Small Groups
resume:***

Tuesday

Study Group
(Jeff Barnhart)
at church, 7:00 P.M.

Wednesday

Study Group
(Aaron Osswald)
various places, 6:30 P.M.

Thursday

Study Group
(Carolyn Studebaker)
various places, 6:30 P.M.

Friday

Study Group
(Chris Sievers and
Walter Alexander)
various places, 6:30 P.M.

Pastor: Jim Chronister

Ministers: Every member of the Church

Our Mission: We believe that we exist to glorify God – in worship, by nurturing, through service, joining in His fellowship, and sharing the Good News of Jesus in the world. Matthew 22:37-39; 28:19-20

Community News

Announcements and Activities

Childcare is provided in the nursery located behind the sanctuary.



Prayer Points

Prayer requests received for this week:

Carolyn Hartley; Marilyn Montgomery; Hillary Sievers; Mark Bowyer; Frank Blauvert (Hensleys); Jenny Fellows (Hensleys); Deaths: Sylvia Rice, John Heit, Marcille Stupp, Rick Ryder, Ellsworth Szkudlarek; FISH organization needs a replacement for George Watt; Chris Sievers' co-worker, Cathy; Adam's friend, Gail; Adam's friend and mentor, Dennis

Continue to pray for:

Belinda Harrison; Carolyn Hartley; Carolyn Iwanusa; Deliverance for those with addictions; Dennis Hoover; Elaine Baker; Families mourning loss of loved ones; Jim & Betty Locker; Karen Hoover; Kay McGraw; Larry Inman; LaVerna Bang; Marilyn Medley; Mike Schreck; Our Nation – for people to repent and turn from wicked ways - II Chron. 7:14; Ruth Chronister; Salvation for unsaved family & friends; Samantha Gardner (Montgomery's granddaughter); Our young people in the midst of spiritual attacks; Shannon Collins; Sheila Sievers; Susan Waymire & family; Terry Shafer; Todd Davis

Praying for Churches of the District:

West Milton

Birthday Prayer List:

Ben Sievers, January 19
Lisa Leonard, January 21

Attendance last Sunday, SS 61, Worship 94

Offering Last Week

	<u>Regular</u>	<u>Special</u>	
Regular	3346.00	Scholarship	794.00
Weekly Need	2882.00	Prison Ministry	165.00
Year to Date	2600.00	Love Gift	1000.00

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Today!

Prayer Service, 9:00 A.M.-9:30 A.M.
Sunday School, 9:30 A.M.
Worship, 10:35 A.M.

Mon.

Worship Team Meeting, 10:00 A.M.

Tues.

Study Group (Jeff Barnhart)
at church, 7:00 P.M.

Wed.

Property Meeting, 7:00 P.M.
Study Group (Aaron Osswald)
various places, 6:30 P.M.

Thurs.

Joyful Noise, 7:30 P.M.
Study Group (Carolyn Studebaker)
various places, 6:30 P.M.

Fri.

Study Group (Chris Sievers and Walter Alexander)
various places, 6:30 P.M.

Sat.

Sun.

THIS WEEK'S SERVANTS

Worship Leader
Kevin Dull

Childcare this week
To be announced
Childcare next week
To be announced

Greeters for January 15
Al and Marilyn Montgomery
Greeters for January 22
Floyd and Virginia Brock

Men's Retreat

February 3-5, 2017

Registration deadline is TODAY—January 15th

Our 2017 Men's Retreat will take place on February 3rd through the 5th at Sugar Grove Lodge at Camp Woodland Altars. Men's retreat is an excellent weekend getaway which includes powerful teaching from the scriptures, uplifting fellowship, worship, and fun.

This year's speaker is Dan Trego who is the president of Bittersweet Ministries, a ministry that spreads the love of Christ to the people of Tijuana, Mexico. We hope you are able to join us and experience why Men's Retreat has become a yearly highlight for men all across the Southern Ohio District and beyond!

Males 16 years of age and up are invited to attend.

Registration forms are on the table in the narthex.

The 2017 Church Directory will be coming out soon! If you have any changes in phone numbers, addresses, e-mails etc., please contact Charlene Foster with the changes. Please let her know by January 31st. We want to have the directory as correct as possible.

The approved minutes of the December 13, 2016 Ad Body meeting are on the table in the Narthex. Feel free to pick-up a copy.

Mark your calendar:

Due to the Men's Retreat at the beginning of February the **Men's Prayer Breakfast** is moved to **February 11, 2017.**

Thank you each one of you for signing my birthday card. Was great to hear from you! We are doing well. Busy with church, school activities, and grandkids. Hope all of you have a blessed new year.

Betty Staats