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I. This fall, the church will be studying Paul's letter to the church of Ephesus. Look up Ephesus on a map. Where is it located in the Middle East? What country is there today? Read [Ephesians 1:1-2](#). Who are the saints and in what sense are they considered faithful? Are we saints as well? Explain your answer. Are you faithful to God?

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II. Today let's look at how the gospel arrived at Ephesus. Read [Acts 19:1-7](#). What do you think occurred there? Who's disciples were these? Why were they rebaptized? What happened next? (Note [Acts 11:15-18](#)).

III. Read [Acts 19:8-10](#). How long did Paul preach to the Jews at Ephesus? What did he do next and for how long? What kind of impact did his preaching have?

Read [Acts 19:11-20](#). Recap what happened here. In what ways do people mimic Christians today? Notice the result of their failure in verses 17-20. What kinds of evil deeds and even demonic activities do people need to repent of today? Any examples?

IV. Finish by reading [Acts 19:23 - 20:1](#). Summarize what happened. What kind of opposition and even persecution do Christians face today? Do we see this in America? Any examples?

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