

## LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS – JUNE 28, 2009

### Announcements – Please read these to your group!

Please check your bulletin each week for additional information.

- Greeters Ministry: *We are in need of couples or individuals interested in this ministry. If you would be willing to serve in this capacity please sign up at the information center.*
- Student Ministry: *The students will be meeting from 6:06pm to 8:08pm on Thursday evenings throughout the summer. Please check out the website ([lyona.org](http://lyona.org)) for upcoming events.*

### Church and Culture, Week 1 (Acts 19:1-41)

#### Questions

1. What was the most interesting idea or principle about this Sunday's message?
2. This week we are discussing the how the cultural impact of the Gospel. According to pollster, George Barna, the image of Christianity is: judgmental; hypocritical; political; anti-homosexual; and view people as prospects. Why would or would not you agree that the world/society sees Christianity as these things?
3. Have someone read Acts 19:23-32. Why was there a recession with the silversmiths? How did the Gospel impact the Eastern European culture of that time?
4. Since the time of Paul, the church has allowed culture to interpret the Gospel over different periods of time. Discuss the 4 "Gospels" that have allowed the image of Christianity to be judgmental, hypocritical, political, and etc.
  - Gospel of the Left: *"There's no sin but social injustices"*
  - Gospel of Forgiveness: *"Jesus is my get out of hell free card" or "turn or burn"*
  - Gospel of Prosperity: *"God is my 'economic stimulus' provider"*
  - Gospel of Consumerism: *"What's in it for me?"*
5. The Gospel of Jesus is that of freedom. Someone once wrote: "Our God, Jesus, came to live without sin as our example, die for our sin as our substitute, and rise from death as our Lord who liberates us from Satan, sin, and death." Being redeemed means that God has freed us from slavery to evil. How does this affect your understanding of the Gospel? How does this affect how you approach un-churched friends and family?
6. Do you, after hearing the sermon this Sunday, need to confess anything or repent of anything? What in your life needs to change?