

Making a Difference

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1. Think kingdom identity.

Acts 19:8-10⁸ And he entered the synagogue and for three months spoke boldly, reasoning and persuading them about the kingdom of God. ⁹ But when some became stubborn and continued in unbelief, speaking evil of the Way before the congregation, he withdrew from them and took the disciples with him, reasoning daily in the hall of Tyrannus. ¹⁰ This continued for two years, so that all the residents of Asia heard the word of the Lord, both Jews and Greeks.

1 Peter 2:9⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Revelation 1:6⁶ ...made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

1 John 5:4-5⁴ For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵ Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

2. Seek the King.

Acts 19:11¹¹ And God was doing extraordinary miracles by the hands of Paul,

Acts 19:17b, 20¹⁷ And fear fell upon them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was extolled. ²⁰ So the word of the Lord continued to increase and prevail mightily.

John 8:36³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

John 10:10¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

Galatians 5:1¹ For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

3. Expect confusion.

Acts 19:23²³ About that time there arose no little disturbance concerning the Way.

Acts 19:32³² Now some cried out one thing, some another, for the assembly was in confusion, and most of them did not know why they had come together.

1 John 1:7–9⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.⁸ If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.