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**Sermon Notes**

**Living as a Christian in a World of Confusion! | Acts 19:21-41**  
**August 2, 2020**

1. Keep your \_\_\_\_\_ on (v. 21-22)
2. Keep your \_\_\_\_\_ up (v. 23-27)
3. Keep your \_\_\_\_\_ in check (v. 26-28)
4. Keep your \_\_\_\_\_ clear (v. 28-34)
5. Keep your \_\_\_\_\_ focused (v.35-41)

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## QUESTIONS

ICEBREAKER: What do you highly recommend to most people you meet?

1. The early Christian movement was called “The Way” by Luke, the writer of Acts [cf. Acts 9:2; 18:25-26; 19:23; 22:4; 24:14, 22]. Where do you think this phrase originated, and what does it say about the nature of the Christian faith [cf. John 14:6; Romans 13:11-14; and Philippians 3:17-21]?
2. Paul was accused by his opponents of “persuading” and “turning away” many people from the old pagan superstitions. What do you learn about Paul’s methods that help you share Christ today [cf. Acts 14:15-17; Acts 17:22-32; and 1 Peter 3:13-16]?
3. Paul’s message to the pagan world of his day was that idols were not gods at all [Acts 19:26]. Is idolatry still present today? What would qualify as idolatry in our current culture? How would you address it? Consider Isaiah 44:9-20; 1 Corinthians 8:1-6; and 1 Corinthians 10:14-22 in your response.
4. The two accusations levelled at Paul by his adversaries dealt with loss of income and loss of honour for their goddess, Artemis. This revealed an underlying cosmic conflict between deities alongside an economic conflict. Is this also true today [cf. Deuteronomy 6:4; Ephesians 4:4-6; and 1 Timothy 2:5-6]?
5. Acts 19:28-29, 32, 34 describe a scene that is moment by moment played out in modern times on social media, with outrage, virtue signalling, and mass confusion rampant. How might a follower of Jesus bring calm to an out-of-control situation? Consult also Galatians 5:22-23; Ephesians 5:15-20; and 2 Peter 1:5-7 for more insights.
6. Acts 19:35 recorded the Ephesians’ superstitious belief in a stone that fell from heaven, giving rise to the pagan cult of Artemis. What superstitions persist today, and how can believers counter them [cf. Psalm 19:1-6; Acts 14:11-17; and Romans 1:18-23]?
7. What did you find helpful or challenging about this Sunday’s message?

“The essence of idolatry is the entertainment of thoughts about God that are unworthy of Him.” (A. W. Tozer)