### **Answer Key**

## I. Power through Paul's **POSSESSIONS**

The power came from **GOD**, not the objects themselves.

### II. Phony PRAYERS **Performed**

The seven sons of Sceva tried to COPY Paul's authority.

# **III.Painful PAYBACK for Pretending**

- The evil spirit **REJECTED** them.
- Result: They fled **NAKED** and wounded.
- The city learned to **RESPECT** Jesus' name.

#### The Good News

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, (Romans 5:1)

### The Bad News

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, (Romans 3:23)

### The Ugly News

For the wages of sin is death, ... (Romans 6:23a)

#### The Great News

··· but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 6:23a)

#### Guess What?

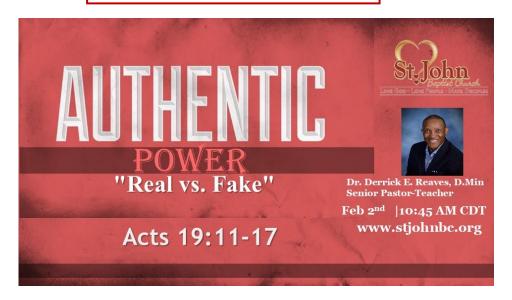
You can become a Christian right now and experience salvation and the gift of eternal life through God's Son the Lord Jesus Christ! Simply Pray this Prayer Right Now! "God thank you for Jesus Christ who died on the cross for my sins. Thank you for receiving what Jesus did for me on the cross as payment for my sins. Please forgive me for my sins. Right now I accept Jesus into my heart and ask that he become my Savior and Lord! Amen!"

If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. (Romans 10:9–10)

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# **Sermon Notes**



Acts 19:11–17 (ESV)

<sup>11</sup>And God was doing extraordinary miracles by the hands of Paul,

<sup>12</sup>so that even handkerchiefs or aprons that had touched his skin were carried away to the sick, and their diseases left them and the evil spirits came out of them.

<sup>13</sup>Then some of the itinerant Jewish exorcists undertook to invoke the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, "I adjure you by the Jesus whom Paul proclaims."

<sup>14</sup>Seven sons of a Jewish high priest named Sceva were doing this.

<sup>15</sup>But the evil spirit answered them, "Jesus I know, and Paul I recognize, but who are you?"

<sup>16</sup>And the man in whom was the evil spirit leaped on them, mastered all of them and overpowered them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.

<sup>17</sup>And this became known to all the residents of Ephesus, both Jews and Greeks. And fear fell upon them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was extolled.

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### PERSONAL REFLECTION:

What areas of my spiritual life might be more about performance than authentic relationship with God?

### **COMMITMENT:**

Today I will stop trying to manufacture spiritual power and instead will:

## **NEXT STEPS:**

- 1. Evaluate your motives for serving
- 2. Develop authentic prayer life

### **KEY VERSE TO REMEMBER:**

"Jesus I know, and Paul I recognize, but who are you?" - Acts 19:15

### **NOTES:**



