

Every worldview addresses five core areas...

**Origin** - Where did I come from?

**Identity** - Who am I?

**Meaning** - Why am I here?

**Morality** - How should I live?

**Destiny** - Where am I going?

Ephesus = Sedona meets NYC, worldview dominated by Rome & Artemis

### ➤ **Disruptive discipleship – releases what used to be**

Acts 19:18-20

*18 Many of those who believed now came and openly confessed their evil deeds. 19 A number who had practiced sorcery brought their scrolls together and burned them publicly. When they calculated the value of the scrolls, the total came to fifty thousand drachmas. 20 In this way the word of the Lord spread widely and grew in power.*

drachma = daily wage

50,000 drachma = \$10,000,000 (today's dollars)

### ➤ **Disruptive discipleship – affects the power structures in place**

Acts 19:23-27

*23 About that time there arose a great disturbance about the Way. 24 A silversmith named Demetrius, who made silver shrines of Artemis, brought in no little business for the craftsmen. 25 He called them together, along with the workmen in related trades, and said: "Men, you know we receive a good income from this business. 26 And you see and hear how this fellow Paul has convinced and led astray large numbers of people here in Ephesus and in practically the whole province of Asia. He says that man-made gods are no gods at all. 27 There is danger not only that our trade will lose its good name, but also that the temple of the great goddess Artemis will be discredited, and the goddess herself, who is worshiped throughout the province of Asia and the world, will be robbed of her divine majesty."*

The Romans had a culture of pluralism, it didn't matter what you believed as long your belief respected the gods and goddesses in their pantheon.

Twin tracks that fuel Paul's passion and boldness...

FEAR OF GOD – we're all going to stand and give an account of our one and only life

LOVE OF GOD – Christ died for you, he paid the price for you

Acts 19:28-29

*28 When they heard this, they were furious and began shouting: "Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!" 29 Soon the whole city was in an uproar. The people seized Gaius and Aristarchus, Paul's traveling companions from Macedonia, and rushed as one man into the theater.*



Acts 19:32

*The assembly was in confusion: Some were shouting one thing, some another. Most of the people did not even know why they were there.*

Acts 19:30

*Paul wanted to appear before the crowd, but the disciples would not let him.*

➤ **Disruptive discipleship – moves toward the brokenness and darkness**

Followers of Jesus are to spot the “riots” of oppression in our world and respond with a “let me in there” mentality!

Oppression in our city...let me in there.

Oppression in our schools...let me in there.

Oppression in our socio-economic issues...let me in there.

Oppression in our religious systems...let me in there.

Oppression in our political structures...let me in there.