



Character Matters

7 things the Lord hates

SESSION 4

Feet That Hurry to Run to Evil (Proverbs 6:18)

Acts 19:21-41 —“The Unthinking Mob”

- 1. Talkback with Pastor Jenny** - What factors lead to the “angry crowd” behavior of folks in church? What is the impact of confusion (or even blatantly false information) in creating a mob mentality? Can you think of an occasion when Romans 7:15 was your only real alibi, personally? Cite examples of persons in your experience who, like the “town clerk” (Acts 19:35), used reason and calm to disarm an otherwise destructive movement of people.
- 2. A Word to the Wise** - Proverbs 4:26-27 advises the listener to walk in a straight path. Ephesians 4:1-3 describes some of the characteristics of that walk. How do we develop holy feet, rather than wayward feet? What are the best practices which slow down our tendency to run to evil? What is the role of the faith community in making disciples of Jesus Christ whose feet support a message of peace, good news, and salvation for all (Isaiah 52:7)?
- 3. Be Blessed** - Jesus said, “*Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.*” (Matthew 5:6) Social media, for all of its advantages, is also a frequent trap for some who hurry to run to evil (cf. James 1:19) Discuss some of the other realities of modern life which contribute to our temptation toward misbehavior and mischief. What are the rewards of leaning in to *righteousness*, instead of succumbing to momentary temptation?