

Read Acts 19:11-20

*Luke says God was doing extraordinary miracles *through* Paul, not that Paul was doing them. Why do you think Luke is so careful to word it that way? How does that change the way you think about what God might do through ordinary people?*

*The seven sons of Sceva tried to use Jesus' name like a magic word without really knowing him. What's the difference between knowing *about* someone and actually knowing them? Have you ever noticed people doing something similar? What would be instances where you are tempted to do something similar?*

Verse 17 says: "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." Why do you think God sometimes uses the failures of counterfeits to draw people to the real thing? Have you seen that happen?

Verse 18 says, "Also many of those who were now believers came, confessing and divulging their practices." That means some of these were already Christians who still had one foot in the old world. What does it look like, practically, for a believer today to have one foot in and one foot out?

*Sam's central question was: *Do I know Jesus, or do I use Jesus?* Sit with that honestly. Where in your life does Jesus function more like a resource you call on than a person you know? What would it look like for this to change?*