

Finding ministry constancy in an ever changing environment

Acts 18:23-19:41

Good to bear in mind...

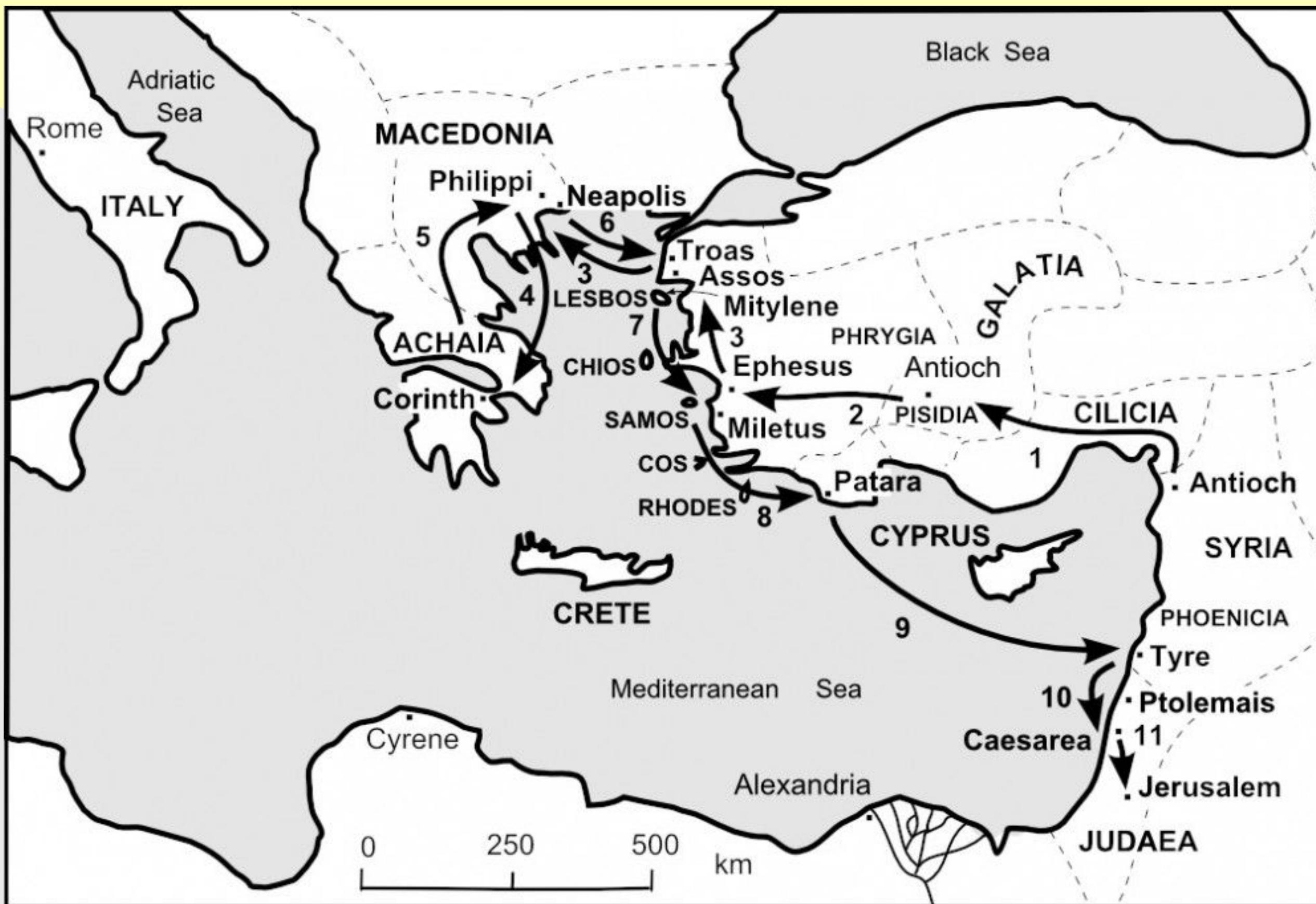
Luke's narrative pattern

- Introduction of key character(s)
- God's work done
- Growth
- Opposition to the work
- Growth

Luke's intent

- To show how the gospel spread
- To show how the early church grew
- To show the pattern by which God's community live and respond
- To show the pattern by which God's ministry will be like

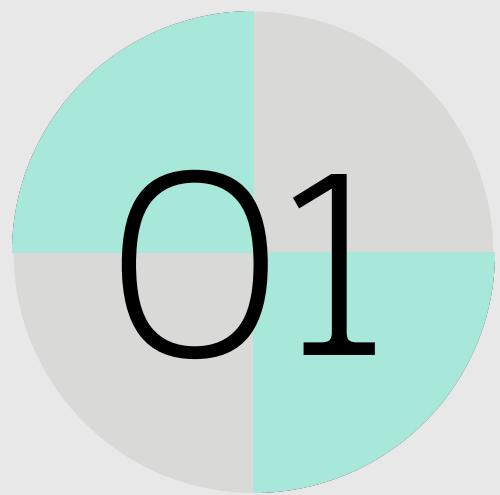
Paul's Third Missionary Journey





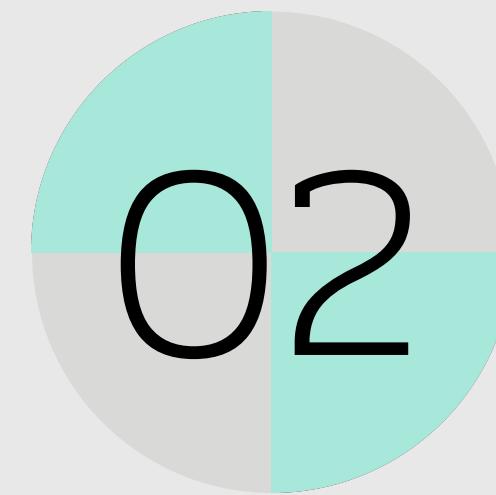
Temple of Artemis

4 sections



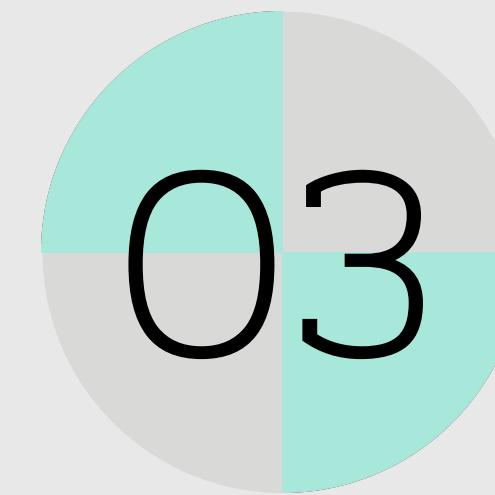
Acts 18:24-28

The introduction &
training of Apollos



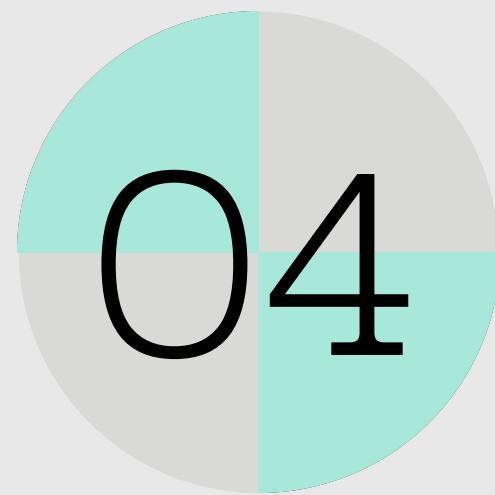
Acts 19:1-10

The ministry of Paul in
Ephesus



Acts 19:11-20

The Imitation from
some Jewish
exorcists



Acts 19:21-41

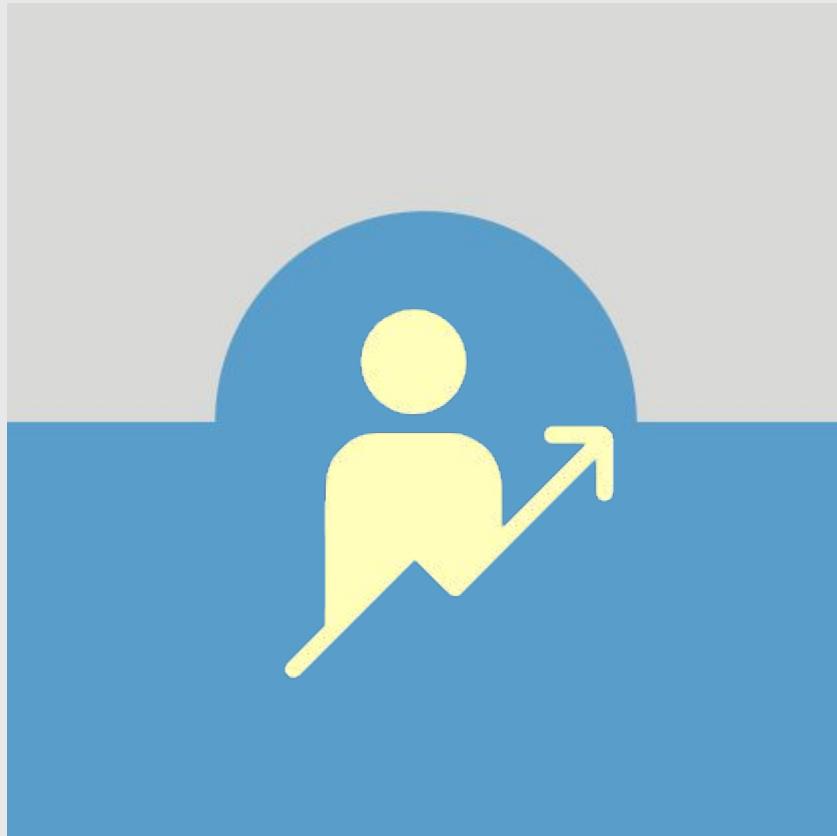
The Opposition to the
ministry of Paul

The Only Constant is

CHANGE

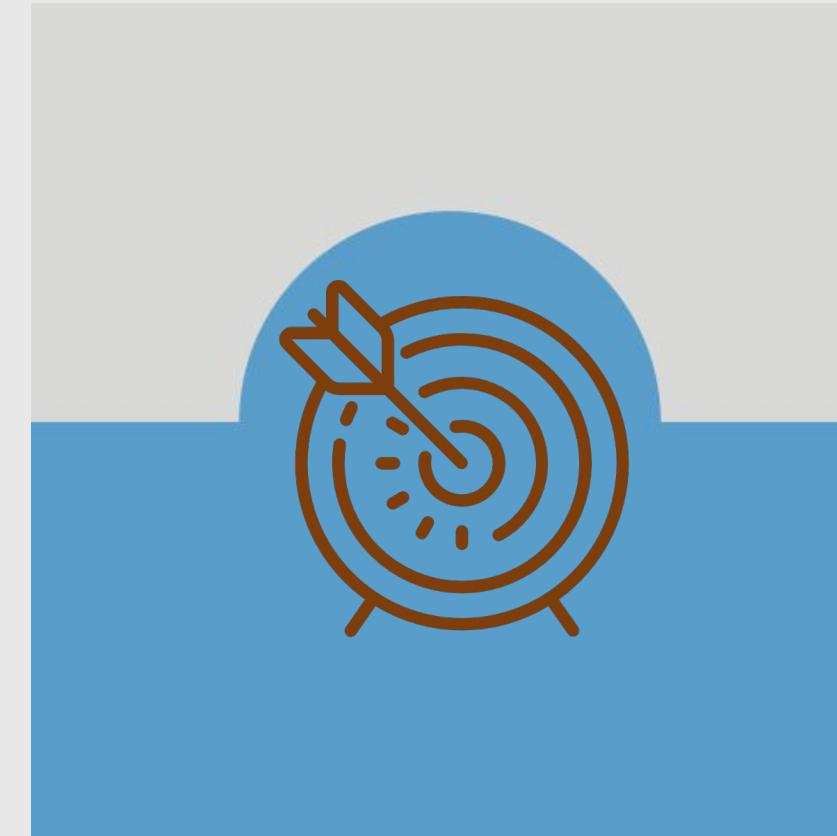
2 broad principles

We seek to grow as workers



Acts 18:24-19:7

We seek to remain faithful to the work

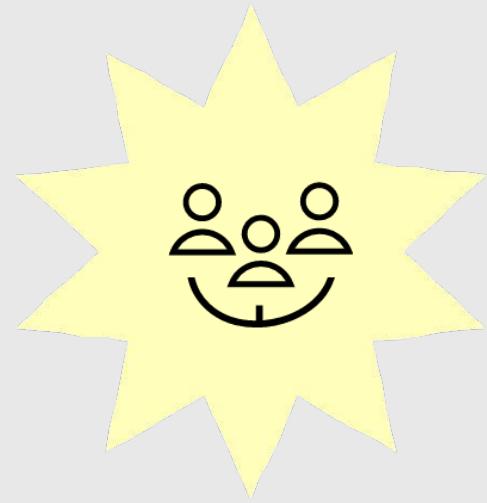


Acts 19:11-41

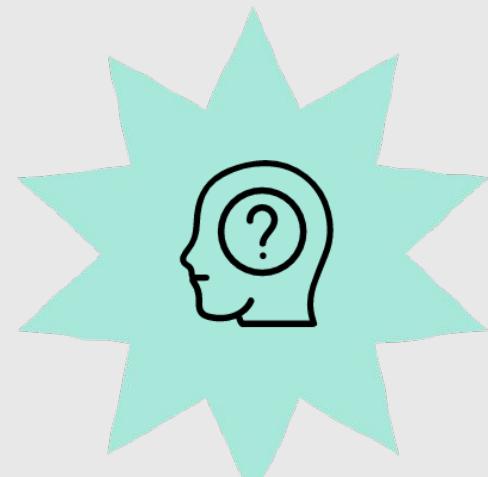
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	Apollos (Acts 18:24-28)	12 disciples (Acts 19:1-7)
What is described of them?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Jew, but native of Alexandria- Eloquent, Competent- Fervor in spirit and bold	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Called disciples- Did not hear about the Holy Spirit- Baptised into John's baptism
What was their issue?	INACCURACY	INSUFFICIENCY
What was done?	Priscilla & Aquila took him in to teach him more accurately	Paul questioned them, shared with them and laid hands on them.
What was the outcome?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Sent off to Achaia with a letter of commendation (18:27-28)- Mentioned in 1 Cor 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Baptised in the name of Jesus (19:5)- Received the Holy Spirit and began speaking in tongues and prophesying (19:6)

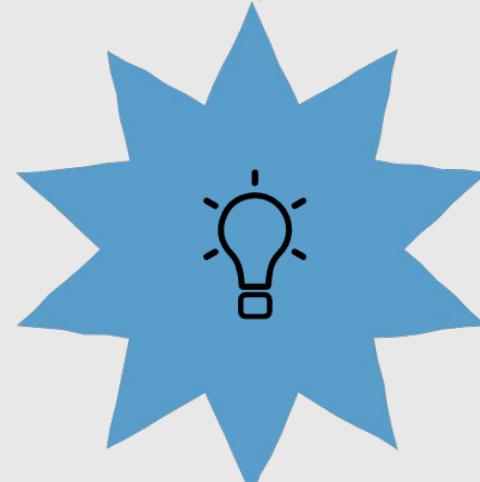
We Seek To Grow as Workers



**Be willing to
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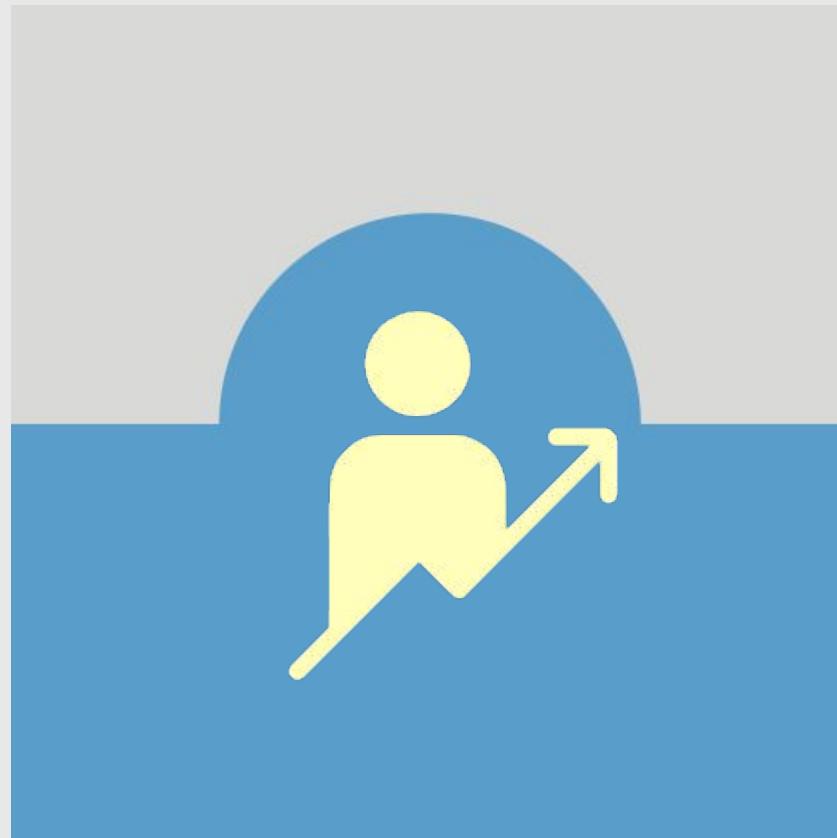
**Be bold to
question**



**Be humble &
hungry to know
more**

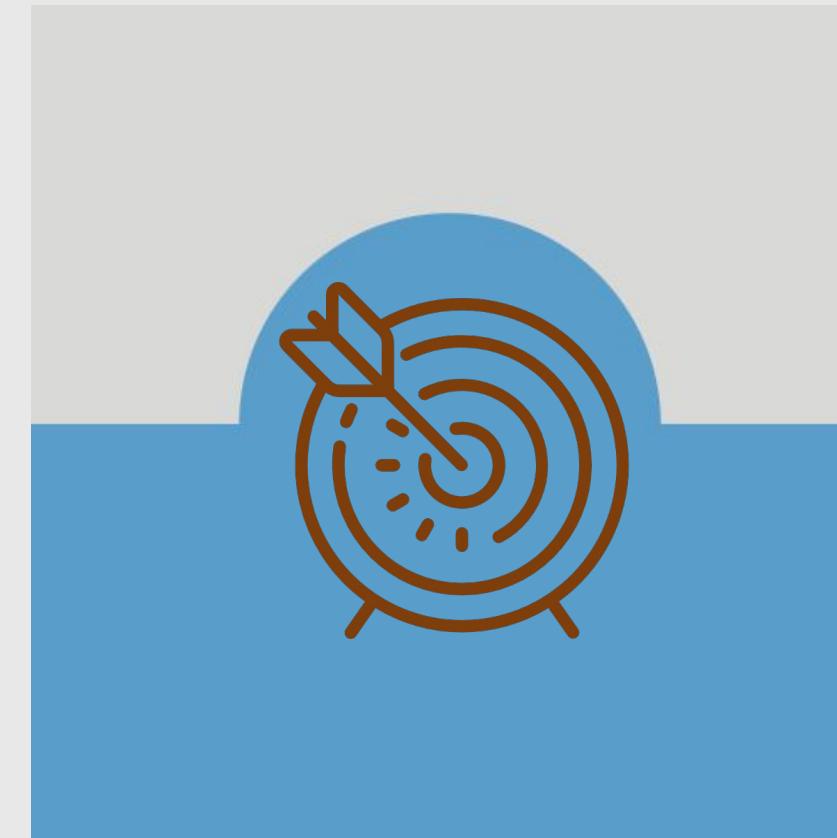
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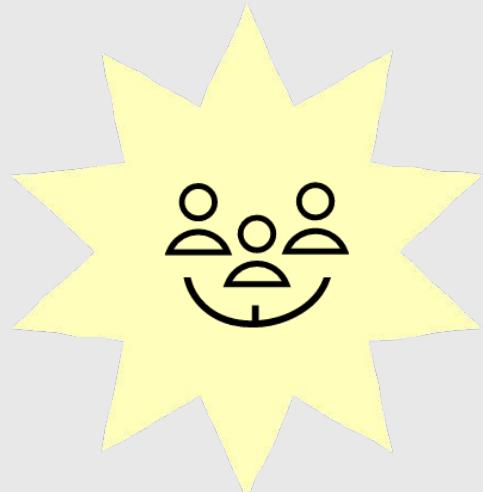


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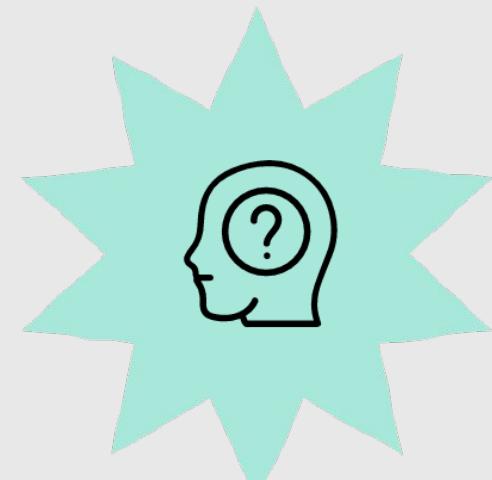
We Seek To Remain Faithful to the Work

	The sons of Sceva (Acts 19:11-20)	Demetrius (Acts 19:21-41)
What is described of them?	Itinerant Jewish Exorcists	Silversmith who made the silver shrines of Artemis
What was their issue?	IMITATION	OPPOSITION
What was the outcome?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- The plan backfired- Many came to know the Lord	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- He rallied others to cause a riot- Got dismissed by the town clerk

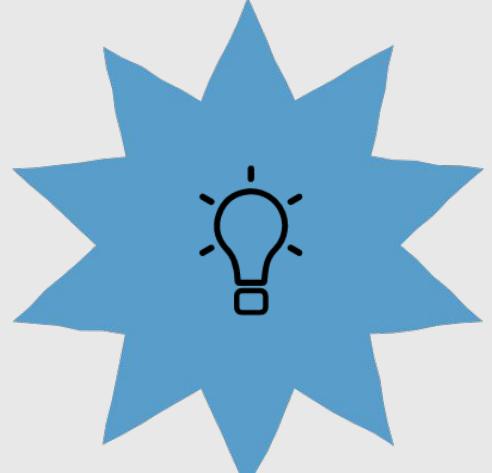
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Work
Don't just copy
the form and
miss the heart



**Don't be afraid
of opposition**



**See the concern
behind their
concern**

conclusion

THE MISSION BY STEVE GREEN
"CHORUS"

To Love the Lord our God
Is the Heartbeat of our Mission
The Spring from which our service
overflows
Across the street
Or around the world
The Mission still the same
Proclaim and live the truth In Jesus Name

