**Pastor Demetric Felton Sr. October 15, 2017**

**Jesus Is Greater Than…**

**ACTS 19**

**Key truth:** Salvation, sanctification, and transformation leads to evangelization of the culture.

1. Jesus is greater than our religion.

 A. We need to experience and embrace the reality of

 the living Savior.

2. Jesus is greater than sickness, Satan, and sin.

3. Jesus is greater than spiritual impostors resulting in:

 A. A correct fear of God.

 B. The name of Jesus was magnified.

 C. Believers denouncing their wicked practices.

 D. The gospel continued to increase and prevail in

 the city.

4. The preaching and application of gospel has moral

 and social implications. Acts 19:21-41

 A. We experience a new love for Jesus, his church,

 and his mission.

 B. We must clean house of things in our lives that

 don’t reflect his holiness.

 C. Society will take notice when real transformation

 happens in the life of the church.

**Taking It Beyond the Walls:** Depend upon the Holy Spirit, apply the Word of God to your life and go make disciples.

**CONNECTION GROUP HOMEWORK**

Looking back at your notes from this week’s teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

Why hadn’t the Holy Spirit indwelled the disciples before they were baptized in Jesus’ name?

What does Paul’s encounter with the disciples of John teach about the need to evangelize religious people?

What are some common misapplications of the story of people being healed by contact with Paul’s facecloths? Is that something we should practice today? Why or why not?

What does Paul’s encounter with the “sons of Sceva” teach about the Holy Spirit? What does it teach about the evil one?

Pastor stated, “The gospel has moral and social implications”. Read Luke 19:1-9: How do we see that lived out in the life of Zacchaeus?

What are Demetrius’s main concerns in verse ACTS 19:27? Was Paul having an impact on the city? What would it look like if we lived out the gospel in every area of our lives?

Read Matthew 28:18-20. How important is discipleship in the life of the church? In what ways do you see that being applied in the Ephesian church? (ACTS 19:10 & 19:20)