



# GOD'S WAY IN THE WORKPLACE

**ACTS 19:21–20:1**

## I. Following Christ as the Way disrupts the way of the world.

*About that time there arose no little disturbance concerning the Way. For a man named Demetrius, a silversmith, who made silver shrines of Artemis, brought no little business to the craftsmen. vv. 23–24*

**FOLLOWING GOD'S WAY LEADS YOU TOWARD A \_\_\_\_\_ VALUE SYSTEM.**

## II. The way of the world is to use worldly tactics to maintain worldly systems.

*So the city was filled with the confusion, and they rushed together into the theater, dragging with them Gaius and Aristarchus, Macedonians who were Paul's companions in travel. ... for about two hours they all cried out with one voice, "Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!" vv. 29, 34b*

**FOLLOWING GOD'S WAY MEANS YOU WALK EVERY DAY IN A \_\_\_\_\_ WAY.**

Be above reproach, keeping a \_\_\_\_\_ conscience before God.

Don't use worldly strategies that \_\_\_\_\_ biblical values.

Listen to wise \_\_\_\_\_ so you can broaden your perspective.

Pray without \_\_\_\_\_ so you can discern how to respond.

## III. God's way will always make a way for His will to prevail.

*"But if you seek anything further, it shall be settled in the regular assembly. For we really are in danger of being charged with rioting today, since there is no cause that we can give to justify this commotion." And when he had said these things, he dismissed the assembly. After the uproar ceased, Paul sent for the disciples, and after encouraging them, he said farewell and departed for Macedonia. 19:39–20:1*

**FOLLOWING GOD'S WAY TRUSTS THAT \_\_\_\_\_ WAY ALWAYS LEADS TO HIS BEST.**

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# REVEALING THE UNKNOWN GOD

## DEVOTIONAL & HOME GROUP STUDY

Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal His truth and wisdom as you go through this lesson.

1. Read Acts 19:21–20:1. When have you seen the Way of Jesus disrupt the way of the world around you? How fearful are you of starting that kind of disruption?

*"A man who has not learned to say 'no'—who is not resolved that he will take God's way in spite of every dog that can bark at him, in spite of every silvery voice that can woo him aside—will be a weak and wretched man till he dies."*

ALEXANDER MCLAREN

*"This job has been given to me to do. Therefore, it is a gift. Therefore, it is a privilege. Therefore, it is an offering I may make to God. Therefore, it is to be done gladly, if it is done for Him. Here, not somewhere else, I may learn God's way. In this job, not in some other, God looks for faithfulness."*

ELISABETH ELLIOT

*"God's work done in God's way will never lack God's supplies."*

HUDSON TAYLOR

2. What protected Paul from the violence of the mob? How does this event demonstrate Paul's willingness to trust God's way instead of the way he usually responded to angry crowds?

3. Give some examples of how we try to rely on worldly tactics instead of trusting in God's way. What is lost when we rely on them?

4. In light of this episode and the one in Corinth (18:12-17), why did both Peter and Paul consider it so important for Christians to carefully obey the civil laws? (See also Romans 13:1-7 and 1 Peter 2:13-17.)

5. Is just as important to obey our civil laws today, as Paul and Peter showed us? What does it look like to do that?

6. What does it mean to walk in a godly way? What are some ways you can more purposefully walk in a godly way every day?

**FOR FURTHER STUDY:** In his sermon, the pastor discussed how we are to be above reproach—not seeing how close to the "sin line" we can get, but instead staying far away from that line. How do we do that? For more insight read Matthew 10:16 and 1 John 11-12.

### A WONDERFUL OFFER

Being a Christian isn't based on membership in a local church or keeping a set of rules. It involves a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and an understanding of who He is and what He has done to provide man with a way to experience God's love for us. Here's how to know Jesus Christ as your personal Savior:

1. Realize that you are sinful and separated from God. (Romans 3:23; Isaiah 53:6)
  2. Recognize that the penalty for your sin is death—eternal separation from God and all that is good. (Romans 6:23; Hebrews 9:27)
  3. Understand that Jesus Christ took the penalty for your sin by dying in your place and that He rose again. (Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21)
  4. Receive the free gift of salvation by trusting in Christ alone as your Savior. (Romans 4:4-5; Ephesians 2:8-9)
- "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life." (John 3:16 NASB) You can use this prayer to express your decision to God:
- "Dear God, I know that I am a sinner. I believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross for me and rose from the dead. I trust in Him alone as the only way to get right with You. Thank You for the forgiveness of sins and the eternal life I now have. Amen."*

For more about having a personal relationship with Jesus visit [www.ccbcfamily.org/nextsteps](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/nextsteps).

## COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

Here's a glimpse at what you need to know for this week at Christ Chapel. If you'd like to find out even more, visit [www.ccbcfamily.org/events](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/events).

**2023 CHRISTMAS CANTATA** Begin the Christmas season with the beautiful sounds of our Christmas Cantata, Joy to the World! From a full choir and orchestra to the youth musical and bell choirs, our Traditional Music Ministry hosts an unforgettable experience that you won't want to miss! We'll be hosting two services on Saturday, Dec. 2 and two more on Sunday, Dec. 3 right here at the Fort Worth Campus! Tickets have gone live today, so reserve a seat for you, family and friends at [www.ccbcfamily.org/cantata](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/cantata).

**WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS BRUNCH** Ladies, we can't wait to begin celebrating the Christmas season with you at our Women's Christmas Brunch right here at the Fort Worth Campus! As one of our favorite traditions, it's the perfect way to start the season with friends, beautiful tables, great food and an encouraging Christmas message. We can't wait to see you there and would love to see new faces join us! Reach out to those around you that need to hear the hope of Jesus and invite them to come, too! Purchase tickets today at [www.ccbcfamily.org/brunch](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/brunch).

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** is a ministry that sends Christmas gifts and the gospel message to children in need around the world every year — and you can help by filling a shoebox this holiday season! When you leave the service today, make sure to grab a shoebox or two right outside your worship venue. We'll be collecting shoeboxes from now to Sunday, Nov. 19. Learn more at [www.ccbcfamily.org/occ](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/occ).

**HOPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS** It's natural to experience both the joy and difficulty that comes with the season, and we want to be a help to you! For anyone who has lost a loved one or has been walking through divorce, we'd love to talk with you more about upcoming seminars Soul Care will be hosting. Hear practical ways you can navigate the ups and downs and how to find hope in the middle of the holidays. Visit [www.ccbcfamily.org/soulcare](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/soulcare) to learn more.



### ORPHAN SUNDAY IS TODAY

and we want to celebrate all the families that are in the adoption and foster community! We believe the Church is called to be a support and encouragement for others, and right here at Christ Chapel, we have a Foster and Adopt ministry that would love to connect with you! Whether you're a part of the community, interested in learning more or hoping to serve in different ways, you can learn all that and more when you scan the QR code.



### LOOKING FOR THE CONNECT

**CARD?** Scan the QR code here to fill out a Connect Card. Our team will reach out this week to answer your questions and tell you more about Christ Chapel.

**IF YOU'D LIKE TO GIVE AN OFFERING TODAY, YOU CAN DO SO STRAIGHT FROM YOUR PHONE.** The process is quick and easy—text GIVE to 24253 to get started.