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1. How has Christianity shaped and contributed to world history?
2. Read Acts 19:21-34 together. Summarize the story in your own words. How was Christianity affecting the culture of Ephesus? How do you see this happening in your neighborhood, our country or around the world?
3. Have smaller groups look at Eph. 4:1-3; 4:17-24, 5:1-2; 5:8-11; 5:15-21. What is the word “walk” a metaphor for? What does each passage teach in regards to the way that we should “walk.”
4. Why was there so much confusion in Acts 19:28-32? In what ways was the confusion clarified? What does this teach us about dealing with confusion?
5. What were the sources of conflict in the story? Why should there always be some conflict with the world in the life of the believer? How does this make you feel?

Living it Out

1. How is your “walk” with Christ and for Christ? How could your “walk” look more like the “walk” in Ephesians 4 and 5?
2. How does your walk influence or change the culture in your family, in your school, in your workplace, in your community, etc.? In what ways could it be more influential?
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