

Acts 19:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And all the men were about twelve.

Analysis

Luke notes 'all the men were about twelve.' This small number reminds us that God works through remnants. The twelve men parallel the twelve apostles, suggesting a new beginning for Ephesian ministry. Significant movements often start with small, faithful groups.

Historical Context

These twelve became the nucleus of the Ephesian church, which would become one of Asia's most important Christian centers. From this small beginning grew the church Paul later addressed in his letter to the Ephesians.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. How does God use small beginnings for significant kingdom advance?
2. What encouragement comes from knowing God values faithfulness over numbers?
3. How can a small group catalyze widespread spiritual impact?

Interlinear Text

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were	And	^{G3588}	all	the men	about	twelve
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