

Q: How would this help fend off potential attacks that he was just “in it for the money, power or prestige?”

Q: (vv.36-38) Why were the believers so moved by Paul’s departure? (You can be a difference-maker too! Prayerfully and intentionally reach out to mentor others in their walk with Jesus!)

Q: How do your life goals and attitudes compare with Paul’s? We too can learn to rely on God’s Spirit and His Word to daily lead us.

Q: Looking back at this chapter, how did the believers demonstrate fellowship, partnership and communion with one another? Give examples of how Christians are demonstrating that today in our church? How can you treat others with the same love & respect?

PRAY! “Lord help me to love people as You do. Help me not to get lost in the task of ministry, that I miss out on loving others as You want me too. Help me to stay focused on Your Word and not be distracted by other things. Help me to get plugged in to serve others together in the church and in our community. Deepen relationships around your gospel and for your glory! In Jesus’ name, amen!

Growing Deeper

*A Disciplemaking Tool of Harvest Evangelical Free Church
(for personal and/or small group study)*

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Acts 20

Paul is completing his 3rd missionary journey, establishing many churches, training up leaders to multiply, and facing persecution in the process. Here in chapter 20, Paul gives his farewell message and instructions to church leaders as they move forward without him.

Q: If you had one key message to give to encourage and equip other believers, what would you say? Why?

Q: (v.4) Paul had many partners in ministry; a few named here. These men also represented the churches who had each collected relief funds for the church in Jerusalem (Rom 15:25-29). They would provide encouragement, accountability and unity in the growing church family. Who would you consider to be key partners in your ministry? Why?

Q: (v.7) This is the first mention in Acts of the believers meeting for corporate worship on Sunday. What was Paul doing and why the urgency?

Q: Describe the events that followed and the miracle that took place. Eutychus means “fortunate.” In spite of the miracle, Paul went right back to teaching the Word of God (v.11). What priority does this demonstrate, even over miracles!?

Q: What is the role of miracles and God's Word in His plan today?

Q: (vv.17-38) Paul meets with the Ephesian church elders (leaders). How had Paul conducted himself in Ephesus? In regards to outreach, those who opposed him, and the message he taught, relationships built?

Q: How did the Holy Spirit lead Paul and the elders (see vv. 22,23,28)?

Q: (v.24) In spite of dangers, what was Paul's attitude and goal? __

Q: How has the Holy Spirit given you warnings of things to come?

Q: Why was Paul's conscience clear (see vv.20, 26-27, 31)?

Q: (v.27) Why is it key that all Christians learn and teach others "the whole counsel of God" (the whole Bible story in context)? What happens if we pull verses out of their context? How have you seen that happen? _____

Q: What was Paul's charge & warning to the church elders and also how they needed to respond? (vv.28-32, 35)

Q: (vv.28-31) Why is it key for the elders (leaders) to be alert for false teachers (from the outside and from within the church)? How did Paul describe false teachers and the damage they could do?

Q: In v.32, what resources would protect the elders (and therefore all believers) in the face of danger and false teaching?

Q: How have you been strengthened (and protected) by God's Word?

Q: (vv.33-35) What was Paul's attitude toward material possessions and working hard to provide his own basic needs, so not to be a burden?
