Lesson Twelve (February 10, 2016)
Acts 20 -- Third Missionary Journey Continues

Text: Acts 20

Summary of Text:

Questions:
1. Remember what just happened at the end of Acts 19?
2. Paul goes where in 20:1?
3. What did Paul do in 20:2?
4. Surprisingly (?) what happens in 20:3?
5. How long was Paul’s sermon in 20:7?
7. What happened to the young man in 20:9 and why does Luke mention “as Paul talked still longer”?
8. Did Paul lie or tell the truth in 20:10 when he said the dead man still had life in him?
   a. Explain your answer.
9. What did Paul do after he helped the young man (20:11)?
10. Why was Paul in a hurry to reach Jerusalem (20:16)?
11. Paul meets with the elders of Ephesus in 20:17. Let’s look at this discussion in some detail.
12. What’s Paul’s reason for reminding them of what happened in 20:18-19?
13. According to 20:20, what had Paul done and why does he remind them of this?
14. Was the message the same or different to Jews and Gentiles according to 20:21?
   a. If you say the “same”, I thought with the Jews Paul mentions the Scriptures but with Gentiles he quotes their own poets. So how do you explain your answer?
15. Explain 20:22
   a. What bound or constrained Paul?
b. What did he expect to happen when he got there?
   i. If he didn’t know, then why go?

16. Wait, he does know something in 20:23 -- what does he know?
   a. If you knew this was in your future if you went, what would you be tempted to do or not to do?
      i. Why?

17. What’s Paul’s focus according to 20:24 and how does this explain verses 22-23?

18. Put yourself as one of the elders -- what is your reaction to 20:25?

   a. Explain how these verses are related to 20:25.

20. If Paul held back part of the message, could he have guilt (20:26)?

   a. What two groups should they pay attention to?
      i. What level of attention?
   b. Who made them elders?
      i. What is the importance of this?
   c. What should the elders do with the church?
      d. How valuable is the church?
         i. Do we equate value with price paid?
         ii. What was the price paid for it?

22. Perhaps explaining 20:28, let’s look at 20:29:
   a. Who will come into the church?
   b. When?
   c. What will they do to the church?

23. Verse 30 tells us:
a. Where will these men come from?

b. What will they do?

c. What is their purpose or goal?

24. The solution is in 20:31:
   a. What should these elders do?

   b. Is Paul asking them to do something he would not do?
      i. Why does he mention his own work?

25. Why does Paul say what he says in 20:32?

26. What’s Paul’s point in 20:33-34?

27. Look at 20:35:
   a. Did Paul merely “tell” or did he “show” also?
      b. What did he “show”?

   c. What did Paul’s actions remind them of that Jesus said?

28. What caused the most sorrow for the elders (20:37-38)

Your questions, comments, and thoughts?

What are the practical lessons for you today?