

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?
6. Why does Luke mention lamps in 20:8?
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?
19. Because of the startling statement in 20:25, what does Paul say in 20:26-27?
- 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)?
21. Now in 20:28 Paul starts commanding the elders.
- 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?