

ACTS STUDY GUIDE

Chapter 20

After spending 3 years in Ephesus, Paul goes to Macedonia and then to Troas.

Read Acts 20:1-12

1. Note the places mentioned in this passage (refer to a map to get an idea of Paul's travels during this time). Also note the references to time. What does this information tell you about Paul's ministry?
2. In this passage, Paul faces several challenges. How does he respond to them in carrying out the ministry to which God has called him? What motivates Paul?
3. What features of Paul's ministry do you see in Acts 20:1-5?
4. Acts 20:7-12 describes a worship service of the early church at Troas. How is this service similar to worship services today (e.g., at crossWinds)?
5. Imagine being at the worship at Troas. How would have been affected by it?

Read Acts 20:13-38

1. Describe the tone of this passage.
2. Paul meets with the elders of the church of Ephesus. How does he describe himself and his ministry among the Ephesians in Acts 20:18-35?
3. Why would Paul continue to Jerusalem despite the warning in Acts 20:22-24?
4. What does Paul instruct the elders to do with “God’s flock”? What do these instructions say about the value of the flock in Acts 20:28-31?
5. What does Paul say will “build up” the Ephesian elders in Acts 20:32)?
6. Paul quotes Jesus in Acts 20:35. What did Jesus say? Why do you suppose Paul mentions this specific quote?

LIFE APPLICATION

1. What does it mean to be a shepherd? How can we be better shepherds?
2. What “builds” you up?
3. Do you agree that it is more a blessing to give than to receive? Why?