

The Book of Acts Study Notes

CHAPTER 20

Paul goes to Macedonia and Greece (vs. 1-5)

- ❖ Paul moves on and takes a team with him who more than likely represented fellowships that had given offerings

Paul at Troas (vs. 6-12)

- ❖ Vs. 6: Same trip in opposite direction only took less than half the time – Acts 16:11
 - ➔ Just because it takes you longer to get there doesn't mean God doesn't have plan for you there.
- ❖ Vs. 7: First day of the week – 1 Cor. 16:2; Col. 2:6-16; Rom. 14:1-6
 - Preached until midnight
- ❖ Vs. 8: Many lights in upper chamber – believers had been accused of sexual immorality and cannibalism – Mat. 5:14-16
- ❖ Vs 9-12: Eutychus (fortunate)
 - Fell asleep in church
 - Deep sleep
 - Fell out the window from 3 floors up and taken up dead
 - Paul's lessons to us: meet the need, stay focused
 - Vs. 10: fell on him
 - Vs. 10: his life is in him
 - Vs. 11: Paul went back to preaching and fellowship
 - Vs. 12: They brought Eutychus up and were blessed to see him

Paul's voyage at Miletus (vs. 13-16)

- ❖ Paul sends the team by ship while he decided to walk

Paul addresses the Ephesian elders (vs. 17-38)

- ❖ **Ministry requires availability – vs. 17**
- ❖ Vs. 17: elders: presbuteros: spiritually mature – 1 Tim. 3:2-7; contrast with what he calls same group in vs. 28
 - Overseers: episkopos: bishop, one responsible for making sure things done right – 1 Pet. 5:2-4
- ❖ Vs. 18-21 – Paul's Witness
 - **Vs. 18-19 – How he conducted himself, serving**
 - With all humility of mind
 - With many tears
 - With temptations from plotting Jews –
 - **Vs. 20 – diligence and persistence in serving – Rom. 12:10-15**
 - Paul gave his all, holding back nothing that was profitable unto you
 - Vs. 20: Paul's public declaration matched his private consecration

- **Vs. 21 – Ministered to everyone, both Jews and Greeks – Acts 10:34**
 - Repentance toward God
 - Faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ

- ❖ **Vs. 22-24 – Paul’s perspective on ministry**
 - His assignment was to be embraced and not avoided
 - Vs. 22-23: I don’t know everything I must face but I know by the Holy Ghost that bonds and afflictions are waiting for me
 - Vs. 24: I’m not moved by what I have to deal with – Acts 21:13
 - Paul wasn’t living for himself – Phil. 1:20-27; Mat. 16:24-26
 - His life wasn’t dear unto himself but God

- ❖ **Vs. 24 – There should be a joy in ministry**
 - Paul says the goal is to finish strong
 - A major part of finishing strong is finishing with joy – 2 Tim. 4:7
 - Where is your joy in serving? – Heb. 12:1-2; Mat. 25:23
 - The Message was received from Jesus – Gal. 1:1
 - Given the privilege to testify of the grace of God

- ❖ **Vs. 26-27 – Minister with clean hands – Acts 18:6**

- ❖ **Vs. 28: Take Heed**
 - You are responsible for those entrusted your care by the Holy Ghost – John 21:15-17
 - God made you an overseer – 1 Cor. 12:28; Eph 4:11-13
 - The flock belongs to God and not us – 1 Pet. 1:18-19; Heb. 9:14

- ❖ **Vs. 29-31: Dangers to Come**
 - Vs. 29: Grievous wolves – Eze. 22:27; Mat. 7:15
 - Vs. 30: Enemies from within – 1 Tim. 1:19-20; Acts 13:10

- ❖ **Vs. 31: You’ve been warned so watch**

- ❖ **Vs. 32: I commend you to God and the Word of His Grace**
 - It is able to build you up
 - Is able to give you an inheritance – Acts 26:18; Eph. 1:14,18

- ❖ **Vs. 35: It is more blessed to give than to receive**