

Acts 20

Questions

1. What did Paul do before he left Ephesus and where did he go from there (20:1-2)?
2. How long did Paul stay in Greece, why did he eventually leave there, and who accompanied him on his journey (20:3-4)?
3. What did Paul and his traveling companions do in Troas upon the first day of the week (20:5-8)?
4. What happened to Eutychus and what did Paul do for him (20:9-12)?
5. Where did Paul travel after Troas and why did he want to get to Jerusalem (20:13-16)?
6. What did Paul say to the elders of the church at Ephesus about the following (20:17-35)?

His past service to the Lord in Asia (20:18-21) –

His future service to the Lord in Jerusalem (20:22-25) –

His approach to preaching (20:26-27) –

Their work of feeding and watching over the church (20:28-30) –

Their responsibilities involving themselves (20:31-35) –

7. What did Paul and the elders do together before he left them (20:36-38)?

Digging Deeper

1. Where are following places located: Macedonia, Greece, Syria, and Asia (20:1-4)?

2. Which epistle of Paul may have been written when he was in Macedonia (20:1)?

3. Which epistle of Paul may have been written when he was in Greece (20:2-3)?

4. Which men listed in 20:4 are mentioned elsewhere in the NT?

5. Where are the following places located: Troas, Philippi, Assos, Mitylene, Chios, Samos, Miletus (20:5-17)?

6. What were the “days of unleavened bread” (20:6) and what was Pentecost (20:16)? Why would Paul, now a Christian, be interested in observing these OT Jewish holy days?

7. Who was present with Paul in 20:6 (note the “we”)?

8. Where previously in the book of Acts was reference made to Paul’s stay in Asia that would account for his three years there (20:31)?

Applications for Today

1. Christian disciples need exhorting (20:1-2; Acts 11:23).
2. It is important to stop, even when travelling, and assemble with Christians to “break bread” and remember the Lord’s death in the Lord’s supper (20:7; 1 Cor. 11:24-25).
3. Faithful gospel preachers will have humility and show emotion, will sacrifice themselves, will declare all the truth and hold nothing back, and will be constrained to accomplish their work in the Lord’s kingdom (20:18-27; 2 Tim. 4:2-5).
4. All people need repentance toward God and faith toward Jesus Christ (20:21; Acts 26:20; Philemon 1).
5. Paul preached the “gospel of the grace of God” (20:24; Eph. 3:2).
6. The “elders” (20:17), who are also the “bishops” or overseers (20:28), are supposed to spiritually feed the local church (20:28; 1 Pet. 5:2-3).
7. Jesus purchased the church (you and me) with his blood (20:28; Rev. 14:3-4).
8. Elders need to watch over themselves and watch over the local church (20:28-30; Heb. 13:17).
9. The word of God’s graces can build us up if we let it (20:32; Col. 2:7)
10. It is more blessed to give than to receive (20:35; 2 Cor. 9:6-11).
11. It is good when preachers and elders can have a close relationship one with another (20:36-38; 1 Thess. 5:12-13).