

## 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 (20:5-7)?
4. What happened to Eutychus and what did Paul do for him (20:8-12)?
5. Where did Paul travel after Troas and why did he want to get to Jerusalem (20:13-16)?
6. Who did Paul invite to meet him from Ephesus and how did he later describe them (20:17, 28)?
7. What did Paul say to the elders of the church at Ephesus about the following (20:18-35)?

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) –

8. What else did Paul say about his work in Ephesus (20:31, 33, 34)?
9. 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 (20:1-2)?
3. Where did Paul travel to on his way to Macedonia (20:1-2; 2 Cor. 2:12-13)? What other travel plan did Paul have before he left Ephesus (2 Cor. 1:15-16)?
4. What did Paul experience while he was in Macedonia and who came from Corinth to see him (20:1-2; 2 Cor. 7:5-15)? Who was with Paul in Macedonia (2 Cor. 1:1)?
5. What example concerning the Macedonian brethren did Paul write about in 2 Corinthians and who did Paul send to Corinth with this letter (20:1-2; 2 Cor. 8:1 – 9:5).
6. What region northwest of Macedonia did Paul preach in before leaving to go to Greece (20:1-2; Rom. 15:19)?

7. Which epistle of Paul may have been written when he was in Greece (20:2-3)? How many times did Paul visit Corinth in Greece (2 Cor. 12:20 - 13:2)? What do we know about some of the brethren in Greece (Corinth) and Paul's companions at this time of Paul's visit (20:2-3; Rom. 16:1-2, 16, 21-23)?
  
8. What travel plans did Paul write about when he was in Greece? Where did he want to visit after going to Jerusalem (20:2-3; Rom. 1:8-16; 15:22-32; see Acts 19:21)?
  
9. Which men listed in 20:4 are mentioned elsewhere in the NT?
  
10. Where are the following places located: Troas, Philippi, Assos, Mitylene, Chios, Samos, Miletus (20:5-17)?
  
11. 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?
  
12. Who was present with Paul in 20:6 (note the "we")?
  
13. What other name (or description) are "elders" (20:17) and "bishops" (20:28) given in scripture?
  
14. What was Paul taking with him to Jerusalem (20:22; Rom. 15:25-27)?
  
15. What did Paul know in advance about his visit to Jerusalem (20:23; Rom. 15:30-31)?

16. 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).