

## Acts 20:17-38



### The text – Acts 20:17-38

1. Read Acts 20:17-38. Paul talks with an intimate and personal tone through this passage with the frequent use of you, your, yourself and we. Why does he do this?
2. In Verse 19 Paul talks about 'serving the Lord with great humility and with tears'. Does this surprise you? Why or why not?
3. In Verse 20 Paul mentions 'preaching' and 'teaching'. What are the differences between these? List the various ways these ways can be applied in 'public' and from 'house to house'.
4. Verse 21 mentions the Jews and the Gentiles? What is the distinction? Why identify the two groups?
5. In Verse 21 Paul uses the imperative 'must'. Why?
6. In Verses 22-24 Paul talks about being compelled and warned by the Holy Spirit. Why is Paul responding with seemingly little regard for his safety?
7. In Verse 24, what does Paul mean by 'testifying to the good news of God's grace'?
8. In Verses 25-31, Paul appeals for Unity. How is the communal church focus made apparent by Paul in this section?
9. In Verse 35 Paul again uses the imperative 'must'. Why is Paul so insistent about helping the weak? Who are 'the weak'?
10. Which of Paul's words mean the most to you? Why?

### The Scriptures – Acts 20:17-38 as a portion of the Scriptures

11. Read Acts 19 through to 20:16 to get a wider view of Paul's time in Ephesus. Why start with the Jews? What is the urgency to get to Jerusalem?
12. Read John Chapter 17, what are the similar themes in this prayer of Jesus to Paul's speech in Acts 20:17-38. List them.
13. What does Paul mean by 'word of his grace' giving them an 'inheritance' (Acts 20:32)? Is this salvation or rewards? (compare Colossians 3:22-25; 1 Corinthians 3:8; 1 Peter 3:8-9; 1 Peter 5:4)
14. What did Paul say regarding finances and his motivation to serve? What attitudes toward finances should people have (1 Timothy 3:3; 1 Peter 5:2)? Why is this important for leaders (1 Timothy 6:9-10)?

### Our lives – walking the way of Jesus in response to Acts 20:17-38 as a portion of the Scriptures

15. Have you turned to God in repentance and have put your faith in our Lord Jesus?
16. What does daily repentance look like to you?
17. How do you keep watch over yourself?
18. How do you keep watch others?
19. What should be one of a believer's financial goals? Why is it more blessed to give than to receive? Ask the Lord to show you some way that you can learn more about the joy of giving.