

171. Paul Ends His Third Mission Trip (Acts 20:1-38)

Prayer: Heavenly Father, You want us to be faithful following You, the same as You are faithful taking care of us. Often, we think about ourselves and we don't think about other people. Please forgive us. Help us always strongly believe in Jesus. Make us eager to serve Jesus, show love to people around us, and tell them about their Savior. We pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

Acts 20:1-6.

- Paul stayed in Ephesus almost 3 years. Where did he go after Ephesus?
- Many people were traveling with Paul. Why do you think they went with Paul?

Acts 20:7-12.

- Which day is the first day of the week? Why did they meet together?
- What does it mean to “break bread?”
- How long did Paul preach?
- If we want to do things like in the Bible, should our pastors preach that long?
- What did they do after Eutychus was raised alive?

Acts 20:16-21.

- Paul didn't want to go to Ephesus and get stuck talking to everyone. But he did want to talk to some people from Ephesus. Who?

- The Jews hated Paul and his teaching. Did Paul change his teaching to make them happy?
- What do all people, Jews and non-Jews, need to do? What did Paul say?

Acts 20:22-24.

- Now we see why Paul didn't go to Ephesus. Why is Paul in a hurry to go to Jerusalem?
- What will Paul face in every city?
- Why does Paul keep going? Shouldn't he stop and protect his life?
- In what ways do we protect ourselves from people criticizing us?
- How can we "live dangerously" for Jesus?
- What does Paul say his most important work is?

Acts 20:25-31.

- What did Paul say he is innocent of? What does that mean?
- If a person in Ephesus died without Jesus and went to hell, could they blame Paul and say Paul never told them about Jesus?

- Think about all the people you know. Are you innocent? Or can they say you never told them about Jesus?
- Why does Paul warn the pastors to be careful? Where will the wolves come from?

Acts 20:32-35.

- Paul already warned them that the church will suffer. Paul warned them about false teachers. Why can Paul leave and trust they will be okay?
- Paul showed how we should take care of weak people. Who are the weak people? Name two ways people are weak.
- Now name some ways we can help both kinds of weak people.