

6. Why do mature Christians need to “be on guard” and “watch over” younger believers in their congregation?

Sermon Notes

“Diligent About Faithfulness and Truth”

Acts 20:13-38

April 28, 2019

a. Who is in your spiritual care?

b. How are you preparing those that you nurture spiritually for the time when you won't be with them?

Let's Pray:

For our missionaries:

Lauren Drachenberg, Africa Inland Mission, Mozambique
Pray for Lauren who is presently in Brazil learning Portuguese and will be learning Kimwani in preparation for her ministry in Mozambique next fall.

Growth Group Homework

For the week of 04-28-19

Questions adapted from Phyllis J. Le Peau, Acts: Seeing God's Power in Action, A LifeGuide Bible Study, InterVarsity Press, Downers Grove, IL, 2002, pp. 62-64; James Galvin, ed., et al., New Testament Lesson Maker, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 1992, pp. 214; Karen Lee-Thorp, ed., Acts: Life Change Series, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 1987, pp. 174-175.

Getting Started:

1. If you knew this would be your last day with your loved ones, what would you want to say to them?

Digging Deeper:

Read Acts 20:13-38.

2. What actions and attitudes had Paul practiced as a model for Christian leaders (20:17-27, 33-35)?
 - a. Which of these do you want to be able to say about your own life and ministry at the end of your life?
 - b. What steps do you need to take now in order to be able to do so?

3. What are Paul's priorities (20:22-24)? How do your priorities compare and contrast with his?
4. What warning and command did Paul repeat (20:28-31)?
 - a. Why is it so important to first keep watch over yourself (consider 1 Tim. 4:16)?
 - b. How can we guard ourselves from the enticement of material possessions (20:33-35)?
5. What would protect the elders in the face of this danger (20:32)?