



## LESSON 18

### ACTS 20:1 - 21:17

1. How did you apply lessons learned in our study last week of **Acts 19** to a situation in your own life?
2. Prayerfully read through all of **Acts 20:1 - 21:17**, paying particular attention to Paul's tone and the emotions on display as he says many goodbyes. List the phrases that reflect Paul's priorities.
3. **Acts 20:1-6** describes Paul's travels throughout Macedonia and Greece. What did the following people or groups do during this period?
  - Paul
  - Paul's disciples
  - some of the Jews

4. From **V7-12**, how do you think the course of Eutychus' life was changed by Paul and what new glimpses do you get into Paul?
  
5. What were some of the choices Paul made on his third missionary journey in **V13-16** and what may have motivated his choices? See **Acts 24:17** for one possible reason.
  
6. From **Acts 20:17-21** and **V33-34**, how does Paul characterize his time in Ephesus? What do you find to be the most significant aspect of Paul's ministry and why?
  
7. What does Paul say about his future and his priorities in **V22-27**? Write a truth based upon Paul's statements.
  
8. What are the warnings, instructions, and blessings given by Paul in his parting words to the Ephesian elders in **V28-32**? What was the mood of their parting from **V36-38**?
  
9. **Acts 21:1-6** follows Paul on his journey from Miletus to Tyre. What did the disciples at Tyre urge Paul "through the **Spirit**" and why do you think Paul didn't follow their counsel? See **Acts 20:22**. *Challenge*: How do you explain differing opinions, each one purporting to be guided by the **Holy Spirit**?

10. In the final verses of our passage, **Acts 21:7-17**, Paul is given a dramatic warning by a prophet named Agabus. Summarize how the warning was communicated, the reactions of Paul's companions, and ultimate stance taken by Paul (**V13**).

11. What steps do you take when you need counsel to ensure that you are following the **Holy Spirit's** lead rather than the counsel of others so that "the **Lord's** will be done"? (**V14**)

## 12. REFLECT ON THE WORDS OF JESUS

**Jesus** tenderly confronted Peter's doubts after he had denied knowing Him in **John 21:15**: "**Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" "Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my lambs"**". Write a prayer inviting **Jesus** to dispel any doubts that are keeping you from unhesitatingly following the **Holy Spirit's** leading.

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**PRAYER REQUEST**