

# “Goodbye!”

## Session Sixteen

### Acts 20:1-6

After leaving Ephesus, Paul sets out for Macedonia and spends three winter months in Greece (likely Corinth).

What causes Paul to change his itinerary as we was about to set sail for Syria (v. 3)?

T / F Paul’s traveling companions came from different regions (Macedonia, Galatia, Asia) that Paul visited.

“All nine men must have been fruits of the mission. But they then became the agents of the mission” (318). How does this quote speak to missional living today?

### Acts 20:7-12

“On the first day of the week...” (v. 7). Paul in Troas is the clearest, earliest example of worship on a \_\_\_\_\_! And note how “Word and Sacrament” centered it is. Paul preaches the Word. Breaking bread here refers to the Lord’s Supper.

Many lamps in the upstairs meeting room were burning the midnight oil... Why did Paul talk so much?

What does Paul do after reviving Eutychus?

### Acts 20:13-24

Miletus is thirty miles directly south of Ephesus. Why did Paul want to meet the Ephesian elders there?

T / F This is the only speech in Acts that is addressed to a Christian audience.

Paul has already proven himself to the Ephesians. He has nothing to hide and nothing to apologize for. What are some signs that his ministry to the Ephesians has indeed been fruitful?

Structure-wise: you know (v. 18), you know (v. 20)...I know (v. 23), I know (v. 25)...but what doesn’t he or anyone else know (v. 22)?

### Acts 20:25-38

Paul knows his place. Even with all that he has done, he knows the church is of God...she is "bought with his own blood" (v. 28).

Were Paul's fears of "savage wolves" and his warning of false teachers distorting truth merited? See 1 Tim. 1:3-7 and Rev. 2:1-7.

"It is more blessed to give than to receive." This statement of Jesus is also found in the Apocrypha.

The people of Ephesus would have wanted Paul to stay, but the Holy Spirit said, "Move on." What have been the most necessary, but most difficult, goodbyes you have ever experienced?

### Acts 21:1-6

Is there a contradiction or mixed message from the Spirit in v. 4 from what Paul had felt before?

### Acts 21:7-17

Philip is one of the seven *what?* (v.8) See Acts 6:1-7.

Also remember, this is the same Philip that met the Ethiopian eunuch and shared the good news of Jesus. Now, about \_\_\_\_\_ years later, Philip is doing the same thing, still in Caesarea (see 8:40).

Agabus the prophet reappears in the storyline, predicting Paul's arrest in Jerusalem. Where have we seen Agabus before? What did he say? See Acts 11:27-29.

"So Luke surely intends us to admire Paul for his courage and perseverance. Like Jesus before him, he set his face steadfastly to go up to Jerusalem, and (like Jesus again) the divine predictions of suffering did not deter him" (333).

"It would be an exaggeration to call this Paul's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. But at least his warm reception strengthened him to hear the crowd's shouts a few days later 'Away with him!'" (333).

What (besides God's grace and strength) encouraged Paul along the way?

### Something to Write Home About

Paul's arrival in Jerusalem marks the end of his third missionary journey (AD 54-58). During this time, Paul wrote Galatians (55), 1 Corinthians (56), 1 Timothy (56), 2 Corinthians (57), Romans (58) and Titus (58).