

Series: The Church in Chains

Sermon: Paul's Costly Resolve

Primary Text: Acts 20-21

Discussion Guide:

- Reflect on this quote shared in the funeral: "...there are things that gnaw on a man worse than dying."
 - What does this mean to you?
- What does it mean to have "clarity of purpose"?
 - How does Christ give this to us?
 - How is this a part of being made whole?
- Read Acts 19:21 - why does Paul resolve to go to Jerusalem?
- Read Acts 20:22-24, Acts 21:4; 10-14
 - Why do you think God warned Paul about what would happen to him in Jerusalem 3 times?
 - Why do Paul's friends time and time again warn him against going to Jerusalem?
 - Were their motives bad?
 - What does the fact that Paul goes anyway tell us about his resolve?
 - Under what circumstances do good Christian people sometimes give bad advice? (see Matthew 16:22-23; Job)
 - What does Paul keep saying he wants to do even if it costs him his life? (see Acts 20:24; John 18:37)
 - Why is testifying to the truth so important to him?
 - Why is it important to note that it was Paul's love for the truth that drove him rather than fear or obligation?
- What gnaws at you worse than dying?