

The Foundation of the Church: “Built on Gospel Friendships”
Acts 20
November 23, 2025

I. Final Encouragement to Churches (1-12)

II. Final Words to Elders (13-38)

a. Paul’s Past Ministry (18-21, 26-27)

b. Paul’s Future Ministry (22-25)

c. Elders’ Current Ministry (28-35)

LET’S GO DEEPER:

1. What was the point of Paul’s travels in verses 1-12? (Look especially at the beginning and end of this section). What stands out to you about the meeting of the church in Troas in verses 7-12?
2. According to verses 18-27, what marked Paul’s ministry in Ephesus?
3. What do we learn about the ministry of elders in verses 28-35?
4. Based on verses 13-38, how would you describe Paul’s relationship with the elders in Ephesus?
5. Read Revelation 2:1-7. What are the Ephesians doing well? How lesson do they need to learn from Jesus’s admonishment?