

Gospel Leadership **Acts 20:17-38**

Why is gospel leadership so important?

- I. The church needs care
 - A. The reason for care
 - a. The church is precious (v. 28)
 - b. The church is under attack (v. 29-30)
 - B. The nature of care
 - a. Selfless (v. 24, 33-34)
 - b. Empathetic (v. 19, 31)
- II. The church needs Jesus
 - A. The elder's need (v. 28a)
 - B. The elder's role (v. 20-21, 27, 32)

Application Guide:

1. When you think of the church of God, do you see it as valuable and precious? Why or why not? How does your answer to this question affect your relationship with the church?
2. What are some of the twisted things you see attacking the church today? How do you serve as a faithful witness to Christ in a "your truth" world?
3. How does Paul's charge to the elders of Ephesus shape your view of the elder's role? How does it increase your gratitude for their service?
4. When you stray from Christ, into which ditch do you fall in your care for others: the ditch of control or the ditch of empty principles? What opportunities do you have to bring someone before Jesus?