

March 22, 2026 Study Guide

Text: Acts 20

Theme: Finishing the Race with the Right Mission

Summary

As Paul approaches the end of his missionary journey, his life begins to mirror the journey of Jesus toward Jerusalem. Along the way, we see three key elements: the **mission journey**, the **mission power**, and the **mission message**. At the center is Paul's declaration that his life's goal is not personal success, but finishing the race by testifying to the **gospel of the grace of God**.

Key Verse

Acts 20:24 – The mission is not about preserving our lives, but proclaiming God's grace.

Discussion Questions

Observation (What do you see?)

1. What details stand out about Paul's journey in verses 1–6?
 2. What happens to Eutychus in verses 7–12, and how do the people respond?
 3. What instructions does Paul give to the Ephesian elders in verses 17–38?
 4. What emotions are present at the end of the chapter?
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Interpretation (What does it mean?)

5. What parallels do you see between Paul's journey and Jesus' journey to Jerusalem?
 6. Why is the resurrection of Eutychus an important moment in this passage?
 7. What does the phrase "not a little comforted" reveal about God's power?
 8. Why does Paul say his life has no value compared to finishing his mission?
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Application (What does it mean for us?)

9. What "finish lines" are people in our culture running toward today?
10. How can good goals (career, family, success) become distractions from the true mission?
11. What does it practically look like to "testify to the gospel of the grace of God" in daily life?

12. Where are you tempted to value your comfort or security over your calling?

13. If Acts 20:24 became your life verse, what would need to change?

Group Reflection

- Are you running with a clear finish line, or are you “running in all directions”?
 - How can our church better reflect love, hope, faith, and joy to a watching world?
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Challenge

This week, intentionally remind yourself of the gospel daily:

- Jesus came for me
- Jesus lived for me
- Jesus died for me
- Jesus rose for me

Then ask:

 **“How can I testify to that grace today?”**