



The Book of Acts:

Holy Spirit Adventures

Passage: Acts 20

The Book of Acts - A call to see the Spirit move again and again in every generation

Introduction

Enjoy the Table Talk video with Pastor Jon [here](#).

People think about their legacy. They ask how they want to be remembered, who will remember them, and for how long they will be remembered. The list of things people pursue is long: achievements, business, politics, sports, family, etc. - anything that will help them to be remembered. *How would you like to be remembered? What legacy would you like to leave and to whom?*

Unpacking the Sermon

1. Acts 20:18 - 19

Paul asked the other leaders to remember what he had done and how he had lived. Character matters and when spreading the message people will be looking at our actions. The goal is not to please other people but God, who we ultimately serve.

Who was Paul serving - the other leaders, the church, or God? Did he work for an audience of many trying to please other people or an audience of 1? How does this encourage you and challenge you in your own walk with God?

2. Acts 20:20-23, 2 Corinthians 11:23-25

To build anything in life takes sacrifice and suffering. Athletes and musicians will often make sacrifices to train and practice. Business owners will spend a huge amount of time building their business. Paul suffered with tears as he served God spreading the message and building the church. *Why do you think Paul shed many tears for the church? Do we shed tears for others as we reach out to them for Christ or encourage them in the Lord? Are we prepared to suffer for spreading the word? Should we have to suffer?*

3. Acts 20:25-28, 1 Peter 5:2, Isaiah 40:11, John 10:11, 1 Corinthians 4:1

Pastor Jon Highlighted many ways leaders serve God. We may not all be gifted and called to be official leaders (Pastor, Elder etc.,) or even volunteer leaders (Sunday school,

connect group, prayer team etc.,) but we can all help someone. Those who lead are undershepherds and Jesus is the great shepherd. We as believers own nothing but are servants. Whatever God gives us we should use to honor him and help others. We have a big responsibility especially if we really do shed tears for the lost and hurting. *How does it encourage you to know Jesus is your shepherd, the one who looks after us as we are sent by him to help others?*

4. Read Acts 20:29–32 and 2 Timothy 3:16–17

In this section, Paul warns of false teachers and explains how to protect oneself. Pastor Jon highlighted three types of wrong ideas; 1.) False ideas about who God is and what He has done. 2.) False ideas on how to meet God and get salvation. 3.) False ideas of how we can live after meeting God in a real and personal way through Jesus. *Why are false teachers such a big problem and how do we protect ourselves?*

APPLICATION

Pastor Jon talked about living for an audience of one and concentrating on eternal things not temporal things. He said, *“Yet, we as Christians have something that the world does not. Since God is eternal and things and lives we affect in Jesus’ name will be remembered by God forever, outstretching all human achievement.”*

How has this discussion changed your thinking about your legacy? Are you giving your love, time, and energy to building a legacy that will last forever? How can you as a group encourage each other in living for an eternal reward?

CLOSING PRAYER

Heavenly Father, thank you for Paul’s example of living and suffering for the sake of the Gospel. Grant us the grace to live out our hope in you God. Help us to focus on Jesus as our shepherd, the one who looks after us as we serve you and others. Grant us hearts that will shed tears for the lost and the hurting. Grant us strength to persevere through trials. Encourage our hearts to give us hope. Help us to build a legacy that will last forever in eternity as we share your word and love others. May we be encouraged as you will remember forever what we do in your name. Thank you for that gracious gift! In the Mighty Name of Jesus we pray. Amen!

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