

Discussion Questions
March 29, 2026 | Acts 20:17-38
Commissioning Service

UPWARDS – Growing in Our Relationship with God

1. In verses 22-24, Paul continues forward despite knowing trials await him. What motivates Paul to faithfully endure to “finish the race”, and how can we apply that mindset when we face uncertainty or hardship?
2. In verse 27, Paul declares that he proclaimed the “whole will (counsel) of God.” What does it look like for us to embrace and share the full message of the gospel, not just the comfortable parts?
3. In Acts 20:28, Paul says, “Keep watch over yourselves.” Why do you think self-watch comes before watching over others, and what does that look like practically in our lives?

INWARDS – Growing in Fellowship with One Another

4. In Acts 20:18-19, Paul says he served “with great humility and with tears.” What does humility look like in Paul’s ministry, and how can we practice that same attitude in our daily lives and relationships?
5. Paul openly shares his tears, warnings, and deep concern for the church (vv. 19, 31, 36-38). What does this teach us about expressing emotions in our faith and leadership? How can we grow in being more honest and vulnerable with one another?
6. Paul focuses on completing the task God gave him, not on controlling the results (v. 24). Where in your life, or in the lives of those close to you, do you find it hardest to trust God with the outcomes?

OUTWARDS – Reaching Those Around Us

7. In Acts 20:19 and 31, Paul serves “with tears” and deep concern for others. What does sacrificial love look like in everyday life, and who might God be calling you to love in this way?
8. Paul points to his own life as an example (vv. 33–35). How does the way we live influence others, and what kind of Christ-centered example should we strive to model?
9. Paul chose not to seek personal gain but to serve and give (v. 35). What are some practical ways we can intentionally choose generosity and service over personal benefit in our daily lives?