

Connect Group Guide: “Commitment To God And His People”



Passage: Acts 20:16-38

Sermon Link: [Commitment To God And His People | Acts: Part 24](#)

Welcome:

(Choose a question for your group to discuss)

- How would you define commitment? What is it, and is it necessary in today's society?

Worship:

(You may choose to use YouTube or other mediums to facilitate your time of worship)

- [I Know A Name - Elevation Worship & Brandon Lake \(cover\) by Genavieve ...](#)

Word:

(Discuss these questions in your group, encourage everyone to take part)

Before reading the scripture:

- What does it mean to be committed to God?
- What does it mean to be committed to God's people? Who are God's people?

Read: Acts 20:16-38

- Paul outlines 4 commitments in this passage, share which of these commitments come easiest and which come hardest to you:
 - Commitment to God and his people

- Commitment to preaching the word amongst the people
- Commitment to God's people that transcends one's own well-being
- Commitment to live with a clear conscience that I shared the good news of Jesus with those he brought on my path
- Paul says that he identified with the hurt of the people, referencing his own tears twice in this passage. Have you ever had to cry with someone during a difficult time? What did God teach you about His character during that time?
- Paul instructs the followers of Jesus to be fully committed in their lives of faith. What sometimes causes us to hesitate in the way that we live out the love of Jesus in our every-day lives?
- Discuss: The dearer God becomes to us, the dearer God's people become to us.

Works:

(Take some time for personal reflecting on the following questions and then share back with the group)

- Paul ministered God's word in word and in deed. How are you challenged to share the good news of Jesus with a non-believer that you have a relationship with?
- How is God challenging your own comfort, placing your own well-being behind being obedient to His word?

Closing:

(Remember to ask for prayer requests.)

Pray for a boldness to live out the good news of Jesus wherever we may go, that we may stand strong in faith even when it becomes difficult.

