

Lesson 13: Commitment Makes a Difference

Acts 20:17-24

Making a Difference

1. (v.22-24) Paul expected to face many difficulties in Jerusalem. What did he mean when he said, “But none of these things move me”?
 - *What is the difference between being affected by hardship and being moved off course by hardship?*
 - *What hardships today most commonly blow Christians off course (ie: financial pressure, family issues, health problems)?*
2. How does Paul’s response to adversity differ from the way most people respond to hardships?
3. How does a clear sense of God’s calling help a person endure difficult seasons?
4. What are some practical steps we can take to remain faithful when facing hardship?
5. (v.26-27) Paul would not allow the attacks of critics to silence him. Why do some believers become silent about their faith when they face ridicule?
6. In (v.24) Paul said he wanted to finish his course with joy. What does it mean to finish with joy?
 - *Why do so many people start strong but struggle to finish well?*
7. How did this lesson speak to you and what action step will it lead you to take? (*“Because of what I learned, I will...”*)
8. Share one thing God spoke to you about during your daily devotional time this past week.

GROUP PRAYER TIME (Take any prayer requests)

- Pray for the prayer requests given.
- Whatever the Lord spoke to you about in this lesson, turn that into a prayer back to God. Is there something you need to **correct**, **confess**, or **continue** doing...tell Him about it.