



DISTINCTIVES





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CHRIST	Gospel Grace
	Repentant Faith
	Holy Worship
SCRIPTURE	Biblical Authority
	Expository Preaching
FAMILY	Covenant Family
	<i>Servant Leadership</i>
	Hungry Prayer
	Kingdom Diversity
MISSION	Fruitful Discipleship
	Active Mercy
	Global Witness



Servant Leadership

Mark 10:42–45

⁴² And Jesus called them to him and said to them, “You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. ⁴³ But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”



Acts 20:17–21

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Acts 20:22–24

²² “And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, ²³ except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. ²⁴ But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.”



Acts 20:25–28

²⁵ “And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again.

²⁶ Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all, ²⁷ for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. ²⁸ Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood.”



Acts 20:29–32

²⁹ “I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; ³⁰ and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. ³¹ Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. ³² And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.”



Acts 20:33–35

³³ “I coveted no one’s silver or gold or apparel. ³⁴ You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. ³⁵ In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”



Acts 20:36–38

³⁶ And when he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all. ³⁷ And there was much weeping on the part of all; they embraced Paul and kissed him, ³⁸ being sorrowful most of all because of the word he had spoken, that they would not see his face again. And they accompanied him to the ship.



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— C. S. Lewis



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1. Gospel courage (20:17–27)

Ezekiel 3:17–19

¹⁷ “I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me.
¹⁸ If I say to the wicked, ‘You shall surely die,’ and you give him no warning, nor speak to warn the wicked from his wicked way, in order to save his life, that wicked person shall die for his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. ¹⁹ But if you warn the wicked, and he does not turn from his wickedness, or from his wicked way, he shall die for his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.”



2. Watchful care (20:28–32)

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2. Watchful care (20:28–32)

1 Timothy 4:16

Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching.



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- The owner of the church
- The price of the church
- The dangers in the church
- The promise to the church



3. Hard-working love (20:33–38)

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