

Finishing Well Discussion Questions

Acts 20:17-38

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1. Why did Paul call the Ephesian elders to come to him?
2. What is your testimony of how you have lived your life? What would you say you have done for Christ? Could you say, like Paul, you have not shrunk from declaring God's Word to those around you? Why or why not?
3. What did Paul know was awaiting him in Jerusalem?
4. How did Paul view his life? Why did Paul view his life of no value? Can you say this about your own life in the way that Paul meant it? What was the only thing Paul found value doing in his life? Why?
5. How do you think the elders felt when they heard they wouldn't see Paul again? What responsibility do they now have?
6. Read Acts 20:28-31. Who does Paul tell them to pay careful attention to first? Who else? What did Paul mean by this?
7. Who are the fierce wolves who would attack the flock? Where do they come from? How are we watching for wolves today? What kind of things are sneaking into the church that we must watch out for even in ourselves?
8. Read Acts 20:31. Was Paul's job easy? What did he have to do that would cause tears? What does this say is the attitude we should have for others? Do you see someone doing something against God's word? Have you admonished them with tears in your eyes? When was the last time you prayed for them? Take time now to pray for those who come to mind.
9. Read Acts 20:32. What does commend mean? What does Paul want them to do with God and His Word? What reason does he give? What inheritance is he talking about?
10. How has God's Word built you up when you have struggled? Do you automatically go to God's word for wisdom and encouragement when you need it? Why or why not?
11. Read Acts 20:34-35. What is Paul saying he did to meet his needs and those who were with him?
12. Why is it more blessed to give than receive? If it is more blessed to give, then in what ways are you giving? Why is Paul telling us to remember these words of Jesus?
13. Do you find yourself wanting people to give things to you or do you prefer to work for them? In our culture, do people want to work for what they get or just receive it? Why do you think this is?
14. If you knew ahead of time that it was the last time you would see your family and friends, what last thing would you say to them? Would you spend time praying with them? What would you pray for?