

## Bible Study 10 – Paul’s farewell message - Part 1 – Acts 20:17-28

*Ungodly leaders damage the church and the church’s witness. People notice when a celebrity pastor in New York who famously baptized Justin Bieber is caught cheating on his wife. They notice when the pastor of a megachurch in Seattle resigns in disgrace because of a pattern of heavy-handed leadership and emotional abuse toward staff members. They notice when a Chicago pastor who also leads a nationwide network of churches is fired for misappropriating church funds as well as several other notable character issues. Today we look at Paul’s parting message to the leaders of the church at Ephesus.*

<b>The context</b>	After the Day of Pentecost, the gospel was preached to Jews and then to Gentiles. Peter was the main preacher to the Jews & Paul was the main preacher to the Gentiles. Paul’s first missionary journey was to Cyprus and south-eastern Turkey where they established churches. Then Paul went on his second missionary journey preaching and establishing churches. People converted to Christianity and some of the Jews persecuted the believers. Then Paul went on his third missionary journey.
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### ***PART 1 Read & then write each section in your own words – Acts 20: 17-28***

Preaching (v.17-21)	
Priority (v.22-24)	
No regrets (v.25-27)	
Elders’ tasks (v.28)	

### ***PART 2 Things I discovered in this passage***

***1. What does it teach about God, Jesus or the Holy Spirit?***

***2. What does it teach about people?***

***3. Summarize a key verse in your own words.***

***4. In your opinion, what is the main point being taught in this passage?***

***5. Which other parts of the passage caught your attention?***

***6. What principle in the Old Testament is Paul referring to in v.26 (Ezekiel 33:1-8)?***

***7. Which parts of the passage were difficult to understand? What questions come to your mind?***

Paul’s main goal was to spread the good news about Jesus. Church elders are to guard and protect and nourish their own Christian faith and that of the congregation.

## Obey

Since God's word is true, what must I change in my life to obey God?  
What must I do to obey?

I will
I will
I will

Questions to help me apply this study to myself

- Is there a *SIN* for me to avoid?
- Is there a *PROMISE* from God for me to claim?
- Is there an *EXAMPLE* for me to follow?
- Is there a *COMMANDMENT* or *MODEL* for me to follow?

## Share

Who will I tell about this Bible passage?

**Who needs help?** What can we do to help over the next two weeks?

Person	How will I help them?

## Prayer

**Date:**

One thing you are thankful for.

One thing that's bothering you or causing stress.

Is there anything this group can do to help you?

Person	Prayer points