

LESSON 2: ACTS 20:1-38

The Third Missionary Journey: Paul's Address to the Ephesian Elders (cont'd)

1. What does the incident recounted in vv. 7-12 tell you about early Christian worship? (Compare Paul's words in v. 10 with Jesus' words in Mark 5:39.) Why would Paul be hoping to arrive in Jerusalem in time for Pentecost (v. 16)?
2. What actions and attitudes had Paul practiced which should serve as a model for Christian leaders (vv.17-27, 33-35)?
3. What three titles does Paul use in addressing the Ephesian Church leaders (vv. 17,28a, and 28b)? What do these terms mean? How are they used and put into practice today?
4. Why is Paul going to Jerusalem (v. 22-24)? What is the role of the Spirit in this? What do you make of this? Is this something we should (or can) expect today?
5. What is more important to Paul than personal survival (v. 24)? What is most important to you?
6. What does it mean when Paul declares that he is innocent of their blood (vv. 25-27)? Compare this with Ezekiel 3:18-21, 33:2-9, and Acts 18:6.
7. What warning does Paul repeat and why (vv. 28-38)? How contemporary is this warning? What would protect the elders then and today?