THE GOOD NEWS OF GOD’S GRACE

Acts 20:17–38

Key Verse: 20:24

1. How did Paul describe his ministry? (18,19) What does it mean to serve the Lord “with great humility”? “With tears”? What was happening while he was serving the Lord? (19b) How did he characterize his preaching and teaching ministry? (20) What was his message, and why was it always the same? (21)
2. Why was Paul going to Jerusalem, what was he anticipating, and why? (22,23) Read verse 24. What did Paul think about his own life? What was his life’s “race” and “task,” and where did it come from? How can we have his view of life?
3. Read verse 24 again. What is “the good news of God’s grace”? (15:11; cf. Ro3:24; Eph2:4–9; Tit3:4–7) Why do all people need to hear this good news? (13:38,39) What does it mean to “testify” to it (10:43), and how can we join in that ministry to others?
4. What did Paul know? (25) How could he have a clear conscience in leaving them? (26,27) What did he tell them to do? (28) What does it mean to “keep watch over yourselves”? To be an “overseer” and “shepherd”? (1Pe5:2,3) Why does he say that members of God’s church were “bought with his own blood”? (28b)
5. What did Paul warn about? (29–31) What is their motivation? (30b) Read verse 32. What can we learn here about how we can help people? What practical example did Paul set? (33–35) Why is this important? Describe their parting scene. What does this show about them?