
Date: September 26, 2021

Scripture: Acts 20:17-38

Series: In the Earliest Church

Message: The Main Thing

The importance of tears

The necessity of the message for both hearer and speaker

The compatibility of service

The purpose of life

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

Acts 20:17-38

1. When have you seen someone share the importance of Christ with "humility and tears?" How did the hearer respond?
2. When have you seen someone share the importance of Christ with arrogance or superiority? How did the hearer respond?
3. What tends to be your natural disposition: humility and tears, more hostile debate, silence, or something else? What can you learn from Paul's approach?
4. What are some of the reasons you might sometimes "shrink back" from sharing the full counsel of God?
5. Who comes to mind when you consider those with whom you have neglected to share the importance of Christ? Could you share with them now?
6. Why is evangelism sometimes pitted against service? Do you believe they are mutually exclusive? Why or why not?
7. Which comes more naturally for you—evangelism or service? What could you do to grow in the other?
8. When have you said, "If only I could have that?" What was the "that?" Did you eventually get it? If so, was it as gratifying as you thought it would be?
9. What are the dangers of wanting something so badly that we say, "Nothing else besides having 'that' matters?"
10. What are some of the benefits of wanting God so badly that we want nothing else besides Him?