

OPEN HOUSE AT GOSPEL GRACE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

ACTS 20:17-38

1 What does Paul say about his ministry to the Ephesians (vv 18-21, 26-27, 31, 33-35)?

 *Is ministry the calling of every Christian or only some? Give biblical support for your answer?*

 *So how are you involved in ministry?*

2 Why do you think Paul mentions his tears in Acts 20:19, 31? And then why do you think Luke (the author of Acts) mentions the tears of the elders in Acts 20:37?

 *What can you learn from these verses about the relationship Paul had with these men?*

 *What does it take to develop these kinds of relationships? Are you developing these kind of bonds with people at the church?*

3 What do you think Acts 20:17-38 says about discipleship at large? List some principles of discipleship you derive from the text.

4 We learn far more from models than we imagine. Paul's reflection on his ministry at Ephesus provides a model to be followed then and now. In what particular areas would ministers today be challenged by this apostolic model?

5 Since the elders from the church of Ephesus in Acts 20 are shepherds of God's people, what must they do first and foremost? Where do you find that in the text?

 *What must they recognize according to Acts 20:28?*

 *What must they be wary of according to Acts 20:29-31?*

