

## Acts 20-21 - Daily Study Questions (cont)

4. Based on Acts 20:22-30 what had God revealed (v22-23), but how did Paul respond and why (v24)? What did he know (v25-27), how did he instruct the elders, and why (v28-30)?

5. Read 20:31-38. What was Paul's command (v31) and how did he seek to encourage obedience (v32, 33-35)? How did he "seal" this (v36) and what was the outcome (v37-38)?

6. In 21:1-6 where did Paul sail next (v1-3)? What did he do there and what was he told (v4)? Did this stop him (v5-6)? What did he do when it was time to go (v5)? Why was this good?

7. From 21:7-14 what did Paul do next (v7)? Why did he stay for a day? Who did he stay with in Caesarea (v8-9) and what was confirmed (v10-11)? How did his friends respond (v12, 14) and what did he say? (v13)? Apply.

8. Using 21:15-26 what did Paul have to face in Jerusalem and from whom (v15-21) and what was suggested (v22-24, 25)? How did Paul respond (v26) and how is this a good example?

9. According to 21:27-36 who caused trouble for Paul (v27) and how (v28)? Why did they believe this (v29) and what resulted (v30, 31-32, 33-36)?

10. In 21:37-40 what was Paul's question (v37)? To what did it lead (v37, 38) and how did Paul use this (v39, 40)? What can we learn from this?

11. Review Acts 20-21. What dangers did Paul face in these chapters (20:3; 20:9; 20:22-23; 21:4; 21:10-11; 21:20-22) and how did he deal with them (20:3; 20:10-12; 20:24, 25-36; 21:5-6; 21:13; 21:26)? What was Paul's priority?

### Scripture to Remember

"For I am ready not only to be bound, but even to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus."

**Acts 21:13 (NASV)**

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**Life Group Questions—Really God? Are You Really Fair? (Hab 1:12-2:4)**  
*(Using questions from Sunday's message, Life Groups meet in homes to build supportive relationships with others at Celebration Fellowship that enable us to grow in Christ.)*

1. Talk about how you feel when someone commits an injustice against someone else. Have you ever been treated unfairly, and how did it feel? Share that with the group.
2. Read Habakkuk 1:12-13. Explain the significance of each of the characteristics of God that Habakkuk knew—from everlasting, LORD (Yahweh), God (Elohim), Holy One, and Rock. Which one means the most to you?
3. Discuss why Habakkuk had a problem with God since he knew Him in this way. When or in what way do you typically have a problem with God?
4. What was God's perspective and what was Habakkuk's? Discuss what it means to "compare failure with failure" and why we do this.
5. How did Habakkuk deal with his "problem" with God (2:1) and why should we follow this example? How was God faithful to him (2:2)?
6. Of the three responses to bad perspective—rejecting God, redefining truth, or responding in faith—which one is your default setting? Why?
7. What truth did God share with Habakkuk (2:4)? Talk about how we can apply this in our lives each day. Be specific.



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## Be Careful Out There Acts 20-21

### The 5 Purposes of the Purpose Driven Life

- **Worship**—You were planned for God’s pleasure
- **Fellowship**—You were formed for God’s family
- **Discipleship**—You were created to become like Christ
- **Ministry**—You were shaped for serving God
- **Evangelism**—You were made for a mission

Every week in the 1981 cop show, *Hill Street Blues*, Sgt Phil Esterhaus told his men, “Hey, let’s be careful out there.” This could have well applied to the ministry of the apostle Paul; both he and those to whom he ministered faced danger as they walked with the Lord. Paul’s priority, however, *was* the Lord—so he refused to deviate from fulfilling His will. Paul’s first approach to being careful was by prioritizing community. This is seen at every stop on his third missionary journey as he returned to Jerusalem. After the uproar at Ephesus he exhorted the church, but then discovered a plot on his life; so, he left, but traveled with a group of six others. When he arrived at Troas he stayed seven days with the brethren. On Sunday night they broke bread together and he preached a sermon that lasted past midnight. This

caused a young man, Eutychus, to fall asleep and fall backwards from his third story window seat. This broke his neck, killing him, but Paul went below and restored him. He then resumed his message. When he left, while in a hurry to get to Jerusalem, he took time to call the elders of the Ephesian church to him at Miletus, presenting the challenge of carrying on the work sacrificially as he had done. Savage “wolves” would arise among them and they would need to stand firm against them. After a lengthy encouragement they knelt together and prayed, grieving that they would not see each other again. Paul then went on his way, entering his journey’s final leg. As he landed at Tyre he began proving his commitment. He first met with the believers for seven days, then after prayer on the beach, they bid farewell. At Ptolemais he



**The manifest destiny of disciples is to recapture the world for Jesus.**

stayed with the disciples for a day, then at Caesarea stayed with Philip. There Agabus, the prophet, confirmed that he would be bound and delivered to the Gentiles at Jerusalem, but Paul refused to quit. When he arrived there, James instructed him to take a vow to prove his loyalty to the Jews, and Paul did. They assumed, though, that he had violated the law by taking a Gentile into the temple and had him arrested, as had been prophesied. But Paul saw this as an opportunity to testify about Jesus, so he requested that the Roman commander let him address his accusers. This incident was just another example of the need to “be careful out there”.

## Study Questions for Acts 20-21

(For answers go to [http://www.celebrationnet.com/abf/html/study\\_questions](http://www.celebrationnet.com/abf/html/study_questions))

1. Read Acts 20:1-6. Where did Paul go next and why (v1-2), and who was with him (v4)? What is the significance of each? What changed his plans (v3) and where did the group end up (v5-6)?	
2. From 20:7-12 when did they gather at Troas and why (v7)? Describe Paul’s message and its setting (v7, 8), and what occurred (v9). How did Paul respond to this (v10-12) and what does this teach us?	
3. Using 20:13-21 where did Paul head next (v13-15) and what did he want to do (v16)? Who did he call to him at Miletus (v17) and what did he share (v18)? How did he describe his ministry (v19-21)?	

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