

Goodbye to the Ephesians

Lesson 2

Acts 20:13-38

Traveling to Miletus – Acts 20:13-16

1. When the team left Troas, once again they traveled by different means.
 - How did Luke and the others travel? (Acts 20:13a)
 - What were Paul's arrangements? (Acts 20:13b)
2. The team met up at Assos and traveled together by ship stopping at Mitylene, Kios, Samos and finally arriving at Miletus. (Acts 20:14, 15) Why didn't Paul want to stop at Ephesus? (Acts 20:16)

The Ephesian Elders – Acts 20:17-35

3. But Paul did *"send to Ephesus for the elders of the church"* to come to him in Miletus. When they arrived, Paul said, *"You know how I lived the whole time I was with you..."* then gave an account of his time. How did he say that he served the Lord while in Ephesus? (Acts 20:19a)
 - What difficulty did he mention? (Acts 20:19b)
4. What did he say about his preaching and teaching? (Acts 20:20)
5. Using Acts 20:21, what did Paul point out about his:
 - Message?
 - To whom?

6. What information did Paul add about the trip he was making to Jerusalem? (Acts 20:22)
7. Although Paul didn't have any specific information about that trip, the Holy Spirit had revealed some insight. What was Paul to expect in the days ahead? (Acts 20:23)
8. **Reflect:** If you knew that continuing on your journey would mean extreme hardship, what would your attitude be?
9. Based upon Paul's words, what do you think it should be?
10. Using Acts 20:24, what was Paul's:
 - Attitude toward his own life?
 - Goal?
 - Task that God had given him?
11. Before Paul said good-bye to the Ephesians, what heart breaking news did he give to them? (Acts 20:25)
12. Paul also made a public declaration. What did he declare? (Acts 20:26, 27)
13. What warning did Paul give to these elders? (Acts 20:28)

14. Paul warned of “*savage wolves*” that would come in after he left. What would these “wolves” do? (Acts 20:29, 30)
- Should the Ephesians only be looking outside of the church for these “wolves?”
15. **Reflect:** Look at Paul’s description of these “wolves” or false teachers. Can you determine what their motivation is?
16. As their spiritual father, Paul warned the Ephesians to “*be on your guard!*” What reminder did he leave them with? (Acts 20:31)
17. In verse 32, Paul committed the Ephesians to God’s care.
- What specifically did Paul commit them to?
 - Why?
 - Who is this for?
18. As opposed to the “wolves” of verse 30, what did Paul not do? (Acts 20:33)
19. How did Paul meet his personal needs for the three years he was in Ephesus? (Acts 20:34)
20. Paul quoted Jesus in reference to hard work. What attitude should the Believer have when helping the weak? (Acts 20:35)
21. When the time came for Paul’s departure, what did he do? (Acts 20:36)

22. How did they respond? (Acts 20:37)

23. What grieved them the most about this visit from Paul? (Acts 20:38)

The Ephesians accompanied Paul to the ship where he *"put out to sea and sailed straight to Cos."*
(Acts 21:1a)