



LEARNING TO LEAD

MORE THAN A TASK
ACTS 20:36-38

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Acts 20:36 And when he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all. **37** And there was much weeping on the part of all; they embraced Paul and kissed him, **38** being sorrowful most of all because of the word he had spoken, that they would not see his face again. And they accompanied him to the ship. (ESV)

1. Be _____ (v.36)

2. Be _____ (v.37)

3. Guard _____ (v.38)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **Ephesians 4:1-6**. Why are the foundational truths listed in vv.4-6 important to keep in mind when it is hard to live out the commands in vv.1-3?
2. Read **John 17:6-11**. How does the fact that Jesus prayed for these things motivate you to make sure it is truly happening in our church? What can you do to elevate these intentions of Christ as a priority in your life?
3. Read **John 17:20-23**. Why do you think a strong, well-cared-for, highly committed, unified congregation has the effect on the world that Jesus spoke of in this text?
4. Read **Philippians 1:8; 4:1** and **1 Thessalonians 2:8**. What would change about your relationship with our church if your heart was more like the Apostle Paul's? What is keeping you from feeling more like this toward your fellow congregants at Compass?
5. Read **Philippians 2:17**. What are the main action steps you are taking away from this series in Acts 20? What has changed or is changing about your view of leading and serving others in the body of Christ?

The following related sermons are also available for downloading or streaming on the Focal Point Website and App (FPR.org).

Msg. 20-40 – **Enjoying God's Family**

Msg. 17-14 – **Loving God's Flawed People**

Msg. 12-04 – **Learning to Encourage One Another**

Msg. 09-25 – **Connectedness: Being More Intentional about Biblical Fellowship**

Msg. 16-23 – **Kindness & Encouragement**

Msg. 11-34 – **Working Harder at Love & Unity**

Msg. 21-35 – 21-39 – **A Unified Church** (a six-part series)

Daily Bible Reading Schedule

Sept. 17th..... Ecc.1-3 & 2Cor.9

Sept. 18th..... Ecc.4-6 & 2Cor.10

Sept. 19th..... Ecc.7-9 & 2Cor.11:1-15

Sept. 20th..... Ecc.10-12 & 2Cor.11:16-33

Sept. 21st..... Song 1-3 & 2Cor.12

Sept. 22nd..... Song 4-5 & 2Cor.13

Sept. 23rd..... Song 6-8 & Gal.1

Sept. 24th..... Is.1-3 & Gal.2

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

Adams, Jay. **From Forgiven to Forgiving**. Calvary Press, 1997.

Carson, D. A. **Love in Hard Places**. Crossway Books, 2002.

Holmes, Jonathan. **The Company We Keep: In Search of Biblical Friendship**. Russell Sage Foundation, 2019.

Lloyd-Jones, D. Martyn. **Ephesians 4:1-16. An Exposition on Christian Unity**. Baker Books, 1998.

Mack, Wayne. **Courage: Fighting Fear with Fear**. P & R Publishing, 2014.

Mayhall, Carole. **Words that Hurt; Words that Heal**. NavPress, 2007.

Moffatt, James. **Love in the New Testament**. Smith Publishing, 1930.

Ryken, Philip Graham, ed. **The Communion of the Saints: Living in Fellowship with the People of God**. P & R, 2001.

Schaeffer, Francis. **The Church at the End of the Twentieth Century**. Crossway Books, 1994.

Strauch, Alexander. **The Hospitality Commands: Building Loving Christian Community**. Lewis & Roth, 2016.

Swindoll, Charles. **Improving Your Serve: The Art of Unselfish Living**. Reprint. Word, 2002.

Welch, Edward T. **Side by Side: Walking with Others in Wisdom and Love**. Crossway, 2015.

Wilkins, Steve. **Face to Face: Meditations on Friendship and Hospitality**. Canon Press, 2002.