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reaching all people

LIFE
GROUPS

WEEK 37 • JAN 4

NORTHSHORE'S COMPELLING STATEMENT

Hope changes everything.

ICE BREAKER

As you were going through a particular season of life, have you ever experienced a time when it was beneficial to have others with you?

BACKGROUND

As part of Paul's third missionary journey, he takes with him several companions to travel to Macedonia and Greece while traveling through Assos, Mitylene, Chios, Samos and Troygyllium to Miletus. The purpose for this journey was to continue spreading the Gospel to those that had not heard, to encourage the churches in their work, and to encourage the gathering of believers in Jerusalem for the day of Pentecost.

We are shown in Acts 20:1-16 that Paul's companions join him throughout his journey, at different places and times. We see Paul break bread with others upon arrival to Troas. When Paul's plans changed, his companions adapted their plans as well. When Paul was preaching and encouraging disciples, his companions were there to support the spreading of the Gospel. The importance of this leads us to reflect on our own journeys and how God plants others in our lives to help walk out what He is doing in each of us. For God's work is never a solo act and very much a team effort.

REVIEW

What was meaningful from the above context or the sermon from last Sunday?



KEY VERSES: Acts 20:7

On the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread, Paul talked with them, intending to depart on the next day, and he prolonged his speech until midnight.

READ: Acts 20:1-16




HEAD LEVEL: *What does it say? These help us to examine what the Word tells us.*

1. What were the two main places Paul traveled to (vv. 1-3)?
2. What did Paul say to the people around him in verse 10?
3. Why was Paul in a hurry to reach Jerusalem (v. 16)?




HEART LEVEL: *What does it mean? These questions help us shape our beliefs around the objective truth of God's word.*

1. How does Paul's purpose for his third missionary journey to Greece and Macedonia effect the churches he visited? How does it influence our present day churches?
2. Why was it important for Paul to have others with him to fulfill that purpose?
3. What do you believe caused Paul to continue talking through the night (vv. 7-12)?

 **HANDS LEVEL:** *What does it mean to me? These questions help us commit to live out the truth in our everyday lives and commit to potential next steps.*

1. What does it look like to support each other in the work that God has for each of us?
2. How do we intentionally show up for each other to support that work?
3. At times, Paul's companions were traveling at different times with the intention of meeting up at a later location. For them, there was no ease of communication like today. So, for us, what does it look like to support each other when we are not able to be physically together?

 **MEMORY VERSE:** Acts 20:1-2
After the uproar ceased, Paul sent for the disciples, and after encouraging them, he said farewell and departed for Macedonia. When he had gone through those regions and had given them much encouragement, he came to Greece.

PRAYER REQUESTS

(Please remember that these requests are confidential and need to stay within the group.)