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Sow Gospel Seeds

Lesson Six • Acts 20:1-38

Sow with Gospel Watchfulness

Paul's Farewell Tour on how to **FINISH WELL** and fulfill God's mission.

"But I do not consider my life of any account as dear to myself, so that I may finish my course and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify solemnly of the gospel of the grace of God." Acts 20:24

WATCHFULNESS is essential!

"Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock...I know that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves men will arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be on the alert..." Acts 20:28-31

Pay close attention to how you **LIVE** and what you **BELIEVE**.

"Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; persevere in these things, for as you do this you will ensure salvation both for yourself and for those who hear you." 1Timothy 4:16

Keep Watch in Four Areas to Finish Well & Fulfill God's Mission

1. **PERSEVERE** Through Suffering as We Go. Acts 20:1-3

*Encouragement Is Essential to Finish Well & Fulfill God's Mission!
Acts 14:21-22*

2. **PARTNER** with Other Churches as We Give. Acts 20:4-6

*Local Churches Are Essential to Finish Well & Fulfill God's Mission!
2Corinthians 9:6-15*

WHO are these guys?

WHERE did they come from?

WHY are they traveling with Paul to Jerusalem?

- ❖ Partner with churches that share gospel **CONVICTIONS**.
- ❖ Partner with leaders that model gospel **TRANSFORMATION**.

3. **PRIORITIZE** Jesus' Lordship as We Live. Acts 20:7-12

Weekly Worship Is Essential to Finish Well & Fulfill God's Mission!

- ❖ Jesus is Lord of all, so **SEEK HIM FIRST** even when you're overwhelmed and overworked.
"On the first day of the week,... (7)
- ❖ Jesus the Lord has risen, so **STICK TOGETHER** even when facing daily obstacles and deadly opposition.
"when we were gathered together to break bread,..." (7)
- ❖ Jesus the Lord is speaking, so **STAY ALERT** even when you're tired of waiting and growing weary in well-doing.
"Paul began talking to them...he prolonged his message until midnight...he talked with them a long while until daybreak..." (7, 11)

4. **PRACTICE** Gospel Watchfulness as We Sow. Acts 20:13-38

Watchful Shepherds Are Essential to Finish Well & Fulfill God's Mission!

- ❖ Keep watch over your **LIFE**. (18-24, 33-35)
- ❖ Keep watch over your **DOCTRINE**. (25-31)
- ❖ Keep watch over your **PRIDE**. (32, 36-38)

Are You Humbly Keeping Watch Over Your Life and Doctrine as You Go and Sow?
God's grace in Christ Jesus is more than able to save us, sanctify us, and secure us as we sow gospel seeds until His Kingdom comes! (32, 36)

So Now What? GO SOW with GOSPEL WATCHFULNESS!

"And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified." Acts 20:32

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