

Wheelersburg Baptist Church 11/21/21
Acts 20:25-38 “A Ministry That Lasts When We Are Gone”

I. Live for the _____ of God (13-16).

II. Live for the _____ of God (17-24).

III. Live for the _____ of God (25-38).

A. Here’s what it _____ (25-31).

1. Shepherding involves _____ (25-27).
2. Shepherding involves _____ (28).
3. Shepherding involves _____ (29-31).

B. Here’s what makes it _____ (32-35).

1. We need God’s _____ (32).
2. We need a clear _____ (33).
3. We need hard _____ (34-35a).
4. We need the _____ of Christ (35b).

C. Here’s what you can _____ (36-38).

1. There will be _____.
2. There will be _____.
3. There will be eternal _____.

Community Group Discussion:

1. This morning’s message from Acts 20:25-38 was entitled, “*A Ministry That Lasts When We Are Gone.*” Take time to read again this touching account of Paul’s final interaction with the elders from the church at Ephesus. What stands out most to you from this passage?

2. In verse 26 Paul said he was “innocent of the blood of all.” In other words, he had no regrets regarding his ministry while in Ephesus. That is a staggering statement. What was the basis of his confidence? Can we have such confidence?

3. What’s involved in faithfully shepherding God’s people, according to verses 25-31? What does God call His servants to be and to do according to this passage?

4. What burdened Paul according to verse 29? What does this teach us about the heart of a faithful minister?

5. Ministry is hard work and at times heart-breaking. What then makes it possible and worthwhile? Scan through verses 32-38 to see how Paul answered that question.

Make It Personal: Am I ministering in a way that will last when I am _____?