

Digging Deeper: Acts 20:1-16

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Day 1

Read Acts 20:1-16. Consider the overall purpose and content of this section. What purpose does this text from the Word of God serve? Spend some time praying over the context, meaning, and the application of the text and that this week the Holy Spirit would reveal fully the truth of this passage.

Day 2

Today, consider the Apostle Paul. Trace his history from the Book of Acts. Consider how God called this man into His service. Today consider the journey he has been on and where he is now at as we enter Acts 20. What lessons can be learned on perseverance and dedication? What have you learned in being sensitive to follow the Spirit of God and to earnestly contend for the faith (Jude 3)?

Day 3

As these passages unfold this week, we see continued opposition to the Word of God. Why do you think there is opposition to the Word of God? Can you point to some passages that have taught us as disciples we should be prepared for opposition and persecution?

Day 4

Today consider the role of encouragement. Paul and the Apostles were constantly encouraging the new believers in these new Churches. Give examples. Why is encouragement so important?

Day 5

Read Acts 20: 7-12 and the preaching of Paul and the falling from the window of Eutychus. This is one of the most real-life and astounding moments in Scripture. Some would say a reality with "long" preaching. Describe the situation. What does Paul raising of Eutychus tell you about the Spirit of God working in Paul? What does it also suggest about God's character?

Day 6

Today, read Acts 16:13-16. What can we learn from this description of the travels of Paul. The night is far spent in His ministry. He knows that death soon awaits him. He, like our Lord, longed to have Passover in Jerusalem if possible. Spend some time praying over these passages this week and preparing for Lord's Day Services.