

## **Deeper Life Notes**

*God's Great Church: "The Powerful Church" (Acts 20:17-32)*

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*So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ. - Romans 10:17 ESV*

**Warm up:** What are the characteristics of the Church?

**\*GOD'S GREAT CHURCH IS THE \_\_\_\_\_<sup>1</sup> CHURCH**

Read: [Acts 20:17-32](#)

### **THREE WAYS TO LIVE AS GOD'S EMPOWERED CHURCH**

**1. BY \_\_\_\_\_<sup>2</sup> THE LORD (vv.19-21)**

a) **Look** at Christ's life.

b) **Follow** the apostle Paul's example:

- with humility
- with tears
- accepting and expecting trials
- with a faithful testimony

"testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ."

- Acts 20:21 ESV

**Four Questions to spur on God-centered service:**

a) What does humility look like?

b) When was the last time you wept *with* & *for* the church?

c) Are you expecting or accepting trials of many kinds?

d) With whom and how have you shared the Good News of the gospel?

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<sup>1</sup> POWERFUL

<sup>2</sup> SERVING

## 2. BY FOLLOWING THE \_\_\_\_\_<sup>3</sup> LEAD (vv.22-24)

“I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit” - Acts 20:22 ESV

### ***What does it mean?***

- a) To act **not** on your own will, feelings, or desires, but...
- b) To **know, reckon, and yield** to God’s power and influence

(see also Romans 8:12-17 & Galatians 5:16)

“Fix your eyes on the cross; fix your ears on the gospel, fight the good fight.” - John Piper

### ***What is most precious to you? --***

Your comfort, preserving your life or way of life?

**OR**

Your commitment to honor God in life or death?

“For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.” - Philippians 1:21 ESV

## 3. BY A \_\_\_\_\_<sup>4</sup> WAY OF LIFE (vv.25-32)

### ***Four Ways to Live Set Apart:***

- a) **Treasure** yourself like God treasures you (v.28b) -- *you are blood bought!*
- b) **Receive** your God-appointed under-shepherds (v.28, Hebrews 13:7,17)
- c) **Anticipate & Accept** trials from within and from the outside (vv.29-30)
- d) **Rely** on the sufficiency of God’s grace (v.32)

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<sup>3</sup> SPIRIT’S

<sup>4</sup> SET APART