SERIES: ACTS Caring for the Blood-Bought Church of God

Acts 20:13-38

Opened Eyes to Urgent Gospel Opportunties (20:13-16)

Question: Why did Paul want to be in Jerusalem for Pentecost?

Lessons for Spiritual Leaders Who Wish to Be Faithful (20:17-38)

- Faithful pastors must _____ like their _____. (v. 18)
- Faithful pastors ______ persevere through difficult challenges. (v. 19)
 - Ministry will produce many _____.
 - Ministry requires enduring many ______.
- Faithful pastors _____ preach the gospel. (v. 20-21)
 - They call people to _____ of their sin.
 - They call people to _____ in Jesus.
- Faithful pastors imitate Jesus by taking up his cross. (v. 22-23)
 - They must be led by the _____.
 - They must be willing to _____.
- Faithful pastors care more about how they finish than being _____. (v. 24)
- Faithful pastors preach every day as if it will be their _____. (v. 25)
- Faithful pastors leave the church with no _____ on Judgment Day. (v. 26-27)
 - They seek to preach the whole _____ of God.
 - \circ $\,$ They help their people to know the _____ of God.
- Faithful pastors watch over the blood-bought _____. (v. 28-31)
 - Watch your _____.
 - Watch the flock.
 - They _____ the sheep.
 - They _____ against the wolves (false teachers).
- Faithful pastors completely depend on the _____ to build the church. (v. 32)
 - We depend on the word because it comes from ______.
 - We depend on the word because it shows us His _____.
- Faithful pastors don't pursue ministry for the _____. (v. 33-35)
 - They should be known for their _____.
 - They strive to be generous to _____ the _____.
 - They think more of what they can _____ than what they can _____.
- Faithful pastors ______ themselves with other faithful men. (v. 36-38)

How Should We Pray?

- Pray for your pastor that he would remain faithful.
- Pray that _____ men would desire the noble task of shepherding.
- Pray that God would raise up a group of pastors to lead our church.
- Pray for our church as we train these men for leadership.
- Pray that we would one day _____ out pastors to bless other churches.
- Pray for yourself that you would _____ your race well.