



Oakwood

CHURCH

June 13 Discussion Questions

“Keep Watch”

Acts 20:17-32

Preview

“Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood.” Acts 20:28 NIV

Protect Yourself

- **Fight** your sin (v. 18-19, 28)
- **Follow** the Spirit (v. 22, 24, 27; Ephesians 2:10)

“I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God’s grace.” Acts 20:24, NIV

Protect One Another

- Focus on the **Gospel** (v. 24, 28, 32)
- Guard against **Deception** (v. 28-31)
 - “Believe in **yourself**”
 - “**Love** wins”
 - “Be healthy and **wealthy**”

“Now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace which is able to build you up and to give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.” Acts 20:32, ESV

OPENING QUESTIONS

1. Have you ever rescued or protected someone in a gallant way? Has anyone ever done so for you? How did either scenario make you feel?
2. In what sense have you fought to protect the spiritual life of another person? How did you do so?

PRAY - For God's continued protection over those we love and ourselves. Pray also for His guidance in your conversation

READ THE PASSAGE — Acts 20-17-32

DISCUSSION

3. How does Paul summarize the character of his service to them in v.18-20? What strikes you here?
4. How do you understand Paul's defense of declaring to them the whole counsel of God in v.20 and v.27? What does this comprise? What does it mean for our biblical study today?
5. What book of the Bible has surprised you for the significance its played in your spiritual life?
6. Paul was constrained by the Spirit to go to Jerusalem in v.22. What does this mean? Can you recall a time you have felt a similar pressure from the Holy Spirit to do something? What happened?
7. Paul calls the leaders in Ephesus to care for one another and the flock. What are ways your group actively cares for the spiritual well-being of one another? What is one way you might increase your intentionality with this?
8. Paul says that fierce wolves will come speaking twisted things to draw away the disciples. What are some contemporary forms of deception within our culture, including the ones Pastor Darin mentioned on Sunday? How can we combat these deceptions with biblical truth for ourselves, our families, and our church?

APPLICATION

9. Paul's account of his life as not having value or as being precious to himself directly affected the impact of his witness. What in your life might you be valuing too much that could be negatively affecting your spiritual life or your witness to others?
10. Paul called the Ephesians to pay careful attention to themselves. What is a way you could increase your careful attention to your own spiritual life?
11. What might the Holy Spirit be constraining you to do right now? Spend time at the end praying for obedience to follow through.
12. Are there any ways the Holy Spirit is calling you to respond to this text and discussion?

PRAYER REQUESTS

13. As a result of this passage, how can we pray for God to change you?
14. How can we pray for God to move in your relationships (marriage, family, friends, coworkers)?
15. How can we pray for God to move in other situations?