

November 5, 2017- Paul's Final Meeting with the Ephesians

Open in Prayer

Welcome/Introductions

[If there are new people in your group, give brief introductions.]

Remind the group of DiscipleGroup Guidelines

DISCIPLEMAKER QUESTIONS

- What has changed in your life because of what you learned last week?
- Has God placed someone in your life outside this group that you need to invest in?
- How do you think God wants you to do this?

Ask a "hook question" to get the group going.

- Share how you reached a major goal in your life in a very different way than what you had planned.

Share background for the story.

Last week we talked about some of Paul's travels and further discipling. This week we will look at Paul's final meeting with the leaders from the Ephesian church.

Tell the story – Acts 20:13-38. Listen to the story this week as we hear about Paul's challenge to the Ephesian church leaders.

[Tell the story with your Bible open on your lap to the passage.]

Rebuild the story

[Group members tell the story together, one piece at a time, based on what they remember.]

Read the story out loud – Read Acts 20:13-38 from the Bible.

[The scripture may have more details. Were there any important details left out of the telling or retelling that you discover in the scripture?]

Discuss these questions:

1. What is God doing in this story?
2. What do you learn about the characters in the story?
3. Based on Paul's farewell speech to the Ephesian church leaders, what was his view of being a Christian?
4. Why do you think Paul began this talk with how he lived while among them? What does it mean to you that Paul served with both humility and tears?
5. How will this story be used in your life and with others?

Ask someone to retell the story.

Assign next week's passage. Acts 21:1-16. Disciples on the Way.

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[This page is to help you sharpen your skills as a DiscipleGroup Leader. Each week we will include concepts, challenges, and resources designed to assist you as you lead and shepherd your group and grow as a disciple yourself. Also, we have added comments (enclosed in brackets []) on the Leader Guide.]

Abiding

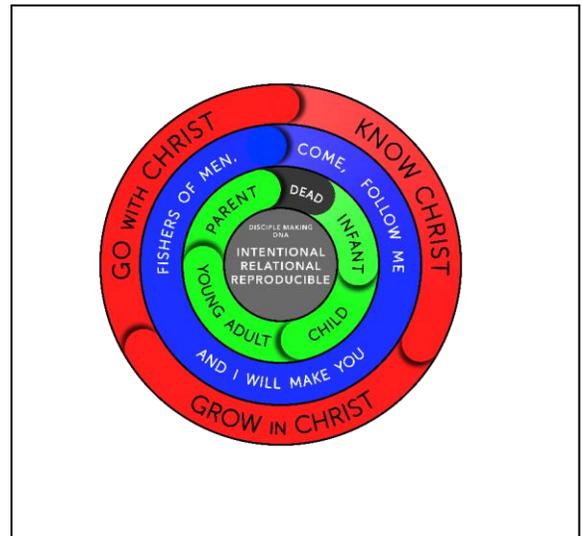
[grow as a disciple yourself]

- Spend some time meditating on Acts 20:17-24, Paul's testimony about his life with the Ephesians and how the Holy Spirit was leading him. How have you served the Lord? How have you endured trials? Are you shrinking from sharing the message?

Leading

[learn to facilitate your group more effectively]

- How long has it been since you shared the Disciple-Making Wheel with your group? Where are they now and can they see growth in their personal lives? Remember that your goal is to move them to being fishers of men.



Shepherding

[know the sheep, feed the sheep, lead the sheep, protect the sheep]

- Ask your group members about their personal experience in their service to the Lord as compared to Paul's testimony in this passage. Discuss what they need to do to grow in their service.

Resources:

- How could Paul travel so much? Do some research on the Roman Roads and how they made possible travel in Paul's time.