

## Sermon: “Paul Aboard” Acts 20

Paul’s farewell to the elders from Ephesus provides us a good example of how he lived, shepherded and raised up leaders. In the making of disciples, we also need to live with authenticity and be intentional about helping people grow as they follow Jesus. The dangers are real, the time is short; how will the flock of God do?

### Who, When and Where



--elder’s meeting in Miletus (see map)

--\_\_\_\_\_ missionary journey (54-58 AD)

--holiday deadline: \_\_\_\_\_

### Ministry in Ephesus

Three years! (v. 17: “you yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time”)

Galatians (55), 1 Corinthians (56), 1 Timothy (56) are all written from Ephesus

“fought with beasts” (1 Cor. 15:32)

## **Paul's Warning**

External threats—

Internal threats—

## **Getting on the Boat**

Why?

The last word

## **Life Group Questions – Acts 20**

### **Head (What?):**

How long did Paul spend in Ephesus?

What trials did Paul experience?

What does Paul know about his upcoming journey to Jerusalem?

What is Paul's warning to the elders? Still applicable today?

### **Heart (So what?):**

When have you shrunk in sharing what you believe?

While in the midst of trials, how do you serve the Lord with all humility?

If asked, what would those around you say is your aim in life (eg parents, siblings, spouse, children, co-workers, etc.)?

Share a time (not a death situation) when you had to say goodbye to someone you loved for a greater purpose.

### **Hands (Now what?):**

How can you demonstrate daily obedience to live for God no matter the cost?

What steps can you take to align your aim with Paul's?

What can you do for the flock as part of the flock?

Who needs your attention and even protection?