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## A Life Devoted to Ministry

Acts 20:1-12

### I. The Practical Nature of Ministry (vv. 1-6)

- A. Encourage others with the Word in \_\_\_\_\_ circumstance (vv. 1-2)  
[Rom. 12:1; Acts 17:2; 19:8; Heb. 10:23-24]
- B. Prepare for \_\_\_\_\_ persecution and change of plans (v. 3)  
[2 Cor. 11:26; Acts 18:8, 17; 1 Cor. 1:1; Acts 18:12-17; 20:16; Prov. 16:9]
- C. Disciple others \_\_\_\_\_ the way as you pour into people (vv. 4-6)  
[Acts 16:1; 17:1; 21:29; 2 Cor. 8:16-19; Acts 16:11-12; Matt. 28:18-20]

### II. The Essential Elements of Worship (v. 7)

- A. Gathered together on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of the week (v. 7a)
  1. We are under the \_\_\_\_\_ Covenant (2 Cor. 3:6-14; Heb. 8)
  2. No command in the NT to \_\_\_\_\_ the Sabbath  
(1 Cor. 16:2; Rev. 1:10)
  3. The Jerusalem Council did not \_\_\_\_\_ the Sabbath (Acts 15)
  4. No warning given in the NT about \_\_\_\_\_ the Sabbath  
(Matt. 12:1-8)
  5. The Sabbath was a \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ (Col. 2:16-17)
  6. Keeping special days, like the Sabbath, was seen as \_\_\_\_\_  
(Gal. 4:10-11)

- 7. The Sabbath was made for \_\_\_\_\_, not man for the Sabbath (Mk. 2:27-28)
- 8. Church history makes it clear worship was on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of the week

### B. Participated in communion together to \_\_\_\_\_ Christ (v. 7b) [1 Cor. 11:23-34]

1. The Lord's Supper is powerful in its \_\_\_\_\_
2. The Lord's Supper is powerful in its \_\_\_\_\_
3. The Lord's Supper is powerful in its \_\_\_\_\_

### C. Centered around \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 7c) [1 Tim. 4:13; 2 Tim. 4:2]

### III. The Necessary Life Care for One Another (vv. 8-12)

- A. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the situation (vv. 8-9) [Col. 4:14]
- B. The attentive \_\_\_\_\_ that was given (vv. 10-12)  
[1 Kgs. 17:21; 2 Kgs. 4:34; Matt. 9:24]
- C. The reasons why people \_\_\_\_\_ in church
  1. \_\_\_\_\_ exhaustion for good reason (Acts 20:8-10)
  2. \_\_\_\_\_ decisions we need to grow in (Heb. 10:25)
  3. \_\_\_\_\_ spiritual life (Eph. 2:1-3)
  4. \_\_\_\_\_ due to compromising sin (Gal. 5:16)
  5. \_\_\_\_\_ due to familiarity (Mk. 6:1-6)

### TAKE HOME

- Are you involving others in the practical nature of your **ministry**?
- Do you participate in the Lord's Supper with the proper **perspective**?
- What is your **motive** for being here on a Sunday?

## **STUDY QUESTIONS**

James 1:22 says, *“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”* These questions are designed to help you apply today’s message to your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a small group that uses these questions as the basis for discussion, prayer, and accountability, please visit our website at [placertachurch.com](http://placertachurch.com).

1. Read Acts 20:1-2. How do you spend your time encouraging others? How often do you focus on the Word of God as your main source of encouragement? How can you grow in this area? (Rom. 12:1; Acts 17:2; 19:8; Heb. 10:23-24)

2. Read Acts 20:3-6. How can you involve your life with others in practical areas of discipleship? Should this be more intentional or spontaneous? Explain your answer. (Acts 16:1; 17:1; 21:29; 2 Cor. 8:16-19; Acts 16:11-12; Matt. 28:18-20)

3. Read Acts 20:7. Review the reasons for why the church gathers on the first day of the week. Which one seems the most clear to you? Why is it important that we have an accurate understanding of why we meet together on the Lord’s Day?

4. Read 1 Corinthians 11:23-34. Why do we participate in communion together to remember Christ? Which one of the three sub-points encouraged you or challenged you the most? Why?

5. Read Acts 20:8-12. What are the details of this story? How did Paul and the church respond? What can we learn from this? (1 Kgs. 17:21; 2 Kgs. 4:34; Matt. 9:24)

6. Review the reasons why people sleep in church. Which one applies to you? How can you grow in this area? How can you help others grow in this area?

7. Read the take home questions. Which one encouraged you or challenged you the most? Why? How will the truths you learned in this passage help you grow and change this week in your walk with Christ?

“If we go to sleep during the sermon and die, there are no Apostles to restore us!”

- Charles Haddon Spurgeon