

SENT series
Week 8 outline
7.10.22
Acts 20:17-32, 36-38

The Invitation to a Sent Community

I. The Sent Communities in Christ (Acts 20:36-38)

"And when he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all. And there was much weeping on the part of all; they embraced Paul and kissed him, being sorrowful most of all because of the word he had spoken, that they would not see his face again. And they accompanied him to the ship."

- A. What were these "things" in Acts 20:36?
- B. What makes these communities so great?
 - 1. They love being together
 - 2. They encouraged one another
 - 3. They challenged one another
 - 4. They _____ one another....
- C. What do those people in those communities have in common?
 - 1. One Message: Gospel of Jesus Christ
 - 2. Singular Mission: Creating opportunities to see, hear and respond to the Gospel

II. The Pairs for the Ministry of Paul (Acts 20:17-32)

"Now from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. And when they came to him, he said to them:

'You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.'"

- A. How? With Humility and Tears (v. 19)

"to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood" - v. 28

"to admonish every one with tears" - v. 31

B. What? Declaring and Teaching (v. 20a)

"to testify to the gospel of the grace of God." - v. 24

"... proclaiming the kingdom" - v. 25

"I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God." - v. 27

C. Where? In Public and In Houses (v. 20b)

"I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus" - v. 24

D. Who? Jews and Gentiles (v. 21a)

"Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock" - v. 28

E. Why? Repentance and Faith (v. 21b)

"And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified." - v. 32

III. The Priorities of RbC on Mission

A. How? With Humility and Tears

1. Humble Passion
2. Live like God is in Control and Jesus did the Work

B. What? Declaring and Teaching

1. Christ Centered Teaching of the Whole Counsel of God
2. Invite others to "Come Sit with Me" (RbC Sunday Mornings)

C. Where? In Public and In Houses

1. Community Touch-points
2. Invest in RbC LIFEgroups on Mission

D. Who? Jews and Gentiles

1. Big Serve takeaway
2. Engage in the Bridge Course

E. Why? Repentance and Faith

1. The Whole Gospel
2. Enter into Baptism