

It is More Blessed to Give Than to Receive

Acts 20:13-38
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How do we become people of the blessing?
Acts 20:28-32

The source of the blessedness
Acts 20:20-21, 24, 26, 32

The evidence of connection to the source of blessedness
Acts 20:18-19, 22-24, 33-35

REFLECTION AND APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

Monday: Read Acts 20:13-16 and 22-24. Paul was willing to obey the Spirit and go to Jerusalem, even when he didn't know what would happen to him there (v. 22) except "that imprisonment and afflictions" awaited him (v. 23). Are we seeking our own dreams, fulfillment, and ambitions, or God's? Our own comfort and safety, or God's perfect will for our lives?

Tuesday: Read Acts 20:17-21. How does Paul model Jesus and a gospel-centered life? Does our life model the same?

Wednesday: Read Acts 20:25-30. How does Cherrydale model "declaring...the whole purpose of God" (v. 27) and guard against savage wolves, perversity, and division (v. 29-30)? Name one way Cherrydale might improve in pastoring its people and share it with a leader this week.

Thursday: Read Acts 20:31-35. How did Paul and Jesus model the saying, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (v. 35)? How do we?

Friday: Read Acts 20:36-38. The Elders traveled 30 miles at Paul's request. They wept, embraced, and "repeatedly kissed him" (v. 37). Are we building intimate bonds with our spiritual leaders? If not, name one way to begin to this week.

Saturday: Pray for our time together this Sunday, and for the Holy Spirit to save lives!