

Paul's Farewell to the Ephesian Elders¹ - [Acts 20:13-38](#)

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Open It

1. Who is one person you have trained or taught a skill in the last few years?
2. What is one of the hardest things about leaving home?
3. *If you knew that this would be your last day with your loved ones, what would you want to say to them?
4. How do you usually say good-bye?

Explore It

5. What did Paul do when the rest of his party sailed for Assos? ([20:13](#))
6. After meeting at Assos, where did the journey take Paul and his companions? ([20:14-15](#))
7. Why did the group bypass Ephesus? ([20:16](#))
8. At Miletus, for whom did Paul send? ([20:17](#))
9. What was the gist of Paul's talk to the Ephesian elders? ([20:18-35](#))
10. *What did Paul say in review of his ministry in Ephesus? ([20:18-21](#))
11. How did the apostle describe the present situation? ([20:22-27](#))
12. Why did Paul expect trouble in Jerusalem? ([20:22-23](#))
13. How did Paul describe his life and mission? ([20:24](#))
14. *What made Paul "innocent of the blood of all men"? ([20:26-27](#))
15. *What were the future responsibilities of the Ephesian elders? ([20:28-35](#))
16. How did the elders display their deep love for Paul? ([20:36-38](#))

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17. How did Paul and the elders say their good-byes? ([20:36-38](#))

18. What saddened the group most? ([20:38](#))

Get It

19. What kind of send-off does your church give someone on his or her way to the mission field?

20. When your church loses a member, how do people tend to grieve over the loss?

21. *How does Paul's life and work challenge you?

22. How is your pastor's work in the church like Paul's ministry among the Ephesians?

23. How did the Holy Spirit help Paul?

24. How does the Holy Spirit lead and guide us?

25. *Why do mature Christians need to "be on guard" and "watch over" younger believers in their congregation?

26. How would you describe your work for God's kingdom?

27. What does it mean to commit someone else to God?

28. Why did Paul support himself financially?

29. How can we stay blameless in the way we support ourselves and our church's work?

Apply It

30. How can you give to others this week?

31. How can you draw guidance and comfort from the Holy Spirit today?

32. *Who is one other believer for whom you can be a "shepherd" or guide this week? How?