

Parting Words

Acts 20:17-38

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I. Keep watch over your spiritual life

II. Care for one another

III. Guard sound doctrine

IV. Live in God's Grace

SUGGESTED DISCUSSION POINTS FROM AUGUST 26, 2018 SERMON

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1. What is the context of the passage? Where has Paul been? Where is Paul going? Who is he talking to? What does Paul say he has endured? (17-23)
2. What does Paul command the elders to do? Vv. 28, 31. What is Paul's main concern for the church after he is gone? Vv. 28-29
3. Does the church still need to worry about false teaching and heresy? Is that problem always from outside the church?
4. How do we guard ourselves spiritually and theologically? How do we shepherd the flock?
5. What does Paul mean when he says "I commit you to the word of his grace"? What does that word of grace do for us? V. 32
6. How important is sound doctrine to the health of a church? How important is caring for one another to the health of the church? Which of the two is the church better at?
7. If Village Bible Church members did all that Paul commanded in this text, how would that help your new pastor as he begins his ministry with you?