

FAITHFUL SHEPHERDING

Acts 20:17-38

Verses 17-24 Instructions to the Ephesian Elders

- Leadership is by _____
(John 13:15; Hebrews 13:7; 1 Cor 4:16; 1 Thess 1:6)
- Paul saw ministry as primarily _____ the Lord.
(Gal. 1:10; Col. 3:23-24)
- Paul's goal was to please _____, not _____!
(1 Thess. 2:4; John 14:6)
- The primary task of church leaders – to _____ the saints
(Ephesians 4:12)
- The NT knows nothing of a gospel that lacks _____.
(Luke 3:8; Luke 5:32; Acts 26:20; Luke 24:47)
- “Woe is me if I do not preach the Gospel” (1 Cor 9:16)
- The Christian Worldview: Dead to _____ & Alive in _____
(Acts 20:24; Acts 21:13)

Verses 25-35 A Charge to the Elders

- Paul states he is “innocent of the blood of all.” (v. 25)
- The task of a Christian witness: To proclaim “the _____ of God.” (vv. 26-27)
- Paul reminds the elders to maintain 5 priorities:
 1. be _____ with God
 - if not, might be disqualified
 2. _____ the flock (1 Peter 5:2-3)
 - caring for the flock
 - most important task is to _____ the sheep
 - exercise oversight
 - not under compulsion, but willingly
 - not domineering
 - being examples to the flock
 - whose flock is it?
 3. _____ the flock (vv. 29-31)
 - Matt. 7:15
 - Matt. 10:16
 4. _____ and _____ (v. 32)
 - the job of the pastor
 5. be free from self-interest