

Acts 20:17-32 /// Week of January 21

Today's big idea: God's mission doesn't belong to Pastor.

**Have fun with this one.**

- Seeing ourselves as leaders can be difficult sometimes. Adulting can feel the same way. What is something you wish you didn't have to do as an adult?
- Review the Community Group Guidelines together.
- What did you hear in the sermon that caught your attention?
- Someone pray that God would help us hear from him.

Head

**This will be difficult to do through Storytelling. If you are up for the challenge then go for it but feel free to simply read the text as a group 2-3 times from different translations.**

- Use the Bible Storytelling technique to tell the story of Paul with the Ephesian elders.
- Retell the story together as a group.
- Read the story from Acts 20:17-32 in the Bible.
- How did Paul describe his relationship with the Ephesians?
- What did he encourage the elders to do?
- What did he warn them about?

Heart

**The point here is to challenge everyone to think multiplication as a priority but it does include loss. Process the loss and the importance of the focus.**

- How did the elders feel about Paul leaving, how did Paul feel, and why were they different?
- What are the benefits of going to start something new whether that might be another Community Group, a ministry or a church?
- How would you feel if your Community Group Leader(s) said they weren't going to be part of your group anymore? Would the group continue? What would you do?

Hands

**Help each person set a goal and maybe set goals for your group. Then prepare to follow up on those goals with the individuals and the group.**

- How is the Lord challenging you to take steps of faith toward multiplication, disciple making and leadership?
- How can you help others see the importance of multiplying our culture?
- Pray for one another and the multiplication of your group.

Next Week: Me or the Mission: 2 Peter 3: 11-17

**This is a great time to invite others to have a place to play. Invite group members to lead next week's Bible Storytelling, pray, lead through the guidelines, bring a snack, etc.**