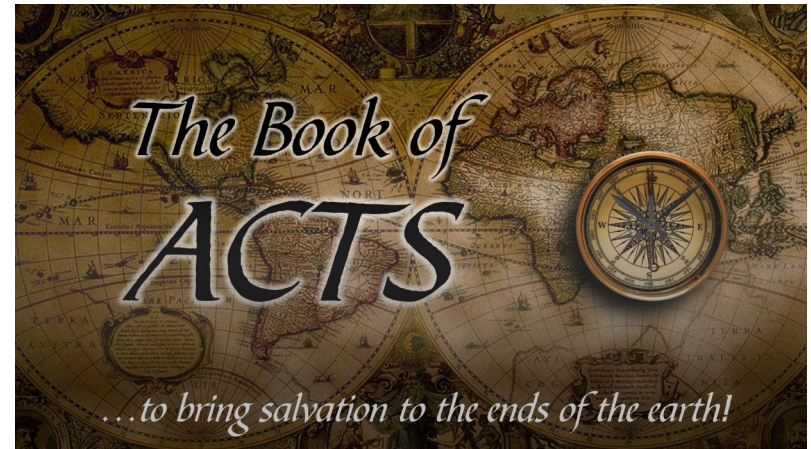


Acts 20:29-30 speaks of the dangers of false teaching. What are some common characteristics or tactics of false teachers inside the church today, and how can we discern and combat them effectively?

Acts 20:22-24 records Paul's unwavering commitment to the gospel despite facing persecution and hardships. How can we cultivate a similar level of dedication to sharing the gospel message in our own lives, especially when faced with challenges or opposition?

Prayer Requests



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Scripture References

Acts 20 • 2 Corinthians 5:18-21

- 1) Spiritual encouragement most often comes through other believers. That's why _____ is such an essential part of Christianity - we can't be encouraged by other believers when we're never around them.
- 2) True Community seldom happens in a church service. That kind of connection develops in smaller groups; in _____, not _____.
- 3) When we face challenges, God is with us, and he will use those struggles to move us towards spiritual _____.

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- 4) Often, what people _____ to hear is the last thing they _____ to hear.
- 5) Paul's teachings were centered on one message - the _____ of repenting from sin and turning to God.
- 6) Sometimes it may not feel like God is at work, because we can only see the present moment, but God is working for our good throughout our _____.
- 7) Paul said the _____ of his life was in telling others about God's grace.
- 8) GBC's Action Statement: ... Inviting _____ world to experience God's Grace.
- 9) When you consider inviting your world, your friends, your family, to experience God's grace for themselves, who comes to mind? _____
- 10) False teachers, some arising from within the church, distort the truth to draw a _____.



Small Group Discussion Questions

Please try to think these over and jot down some ideas prior to discussing them at the meeting, it will improve the discussion.

Have you received encouragement from the community of believers? Have you been able to give encouragement? Describe that to the group.

Have you ever seen or experienced a situation where someone was challenged over some area of sin, by church leaders or by the church? In your opinion, was it handled well?

Paul's farewell address to the Ephesian elders in Acts 20:17-38 is deeply emotional and carries significant weight. What do you think were the key messages Paul wanted to convey to the elders?

Continued on reverse.