

Encouraged On Mission
Text: Acts 20:1-16
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Big Idea:

Context is key!

Question #1 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What is going on in the text?

- a) What is the setting and what is happening?
- b) Who are the main characters?
- c) Are there any words/phrases that are repeated?

Question #2 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What does the text say about God and about me?

- a) Is God saying or showing something about Himself? If so, what?
- b) Do the words in the text predict, prophesy or picture something about Jesus? If so, what?
- c) Is God saying or showing something about us? If so, what?
- d) How does the text point to my need for Jesus? How?

A culture of gospel encouragement...

Point 1: _____ Kingdom _____ (vv. 1-6)

Question: God encourages His people through His people. Will you invest in His Kingdom?

Sermon Notes...

Intentional Investment...

i) *Personal* _____ (vv. 1-2)

ii) *Practical* _____ (vv. 3-6)

Question #3

i) *Personal Encouragement* (vv. 1-2)

- a) **Rd. vv. 1-2:** What does the word, “encouragement” mean in vv. 1 & 2?
- b) How do we display the gospel when we personally encourage others?

Question #4

ii) *Practical Engagement* (vv. 3-6)

- a) **Rd vv. 3-6:** Why would having these 7 men join Paul on the journey be such an encouragement to the church in Jerusalem?
- b) In what ways can you encourage your church family through acts of practical service? What's one you can do this week?

Question #5

- a) Think of each person in your small group and write down at least 1 gospel encouragement for them and the Scripture where you got it from. It could be of how you see God at work in them, or encouraging them to press on in a trial, etc. Share it with them in front of the group.
- b) Once each person has shared, each person can pick another person to pray for from their encouragement to them.

A culture of gospel encouragement...

Point 2: _____ **Kingdom** _____ (vv. 7-16)

Question: God encourages His Church as it is prioritized. Are His priorities yours?

Sermon Notes...

Kingdom Priorities...

i) _____ on Mission (vv. 7-12)

ii) _____ on Mission (vv. 13-16)

Question #6

- i) *Gather on Mission* (vv. 7-12)
- b) **Rd vv. 7-12:** What did the church prioritize as a means of encouraging one another in the Lord?
- c) Based on vv. 7-12, what means does God use to encourage us as we gather for worship?
- d) What happens in our hearts over time when we forsake gathering together? Why does this happen?

Question #7

ii) *Scatter on Mission* (vv. 13-16)

- a) **Rd. vv. 13-16:** When it comes to the Great Commission, we go, we send or we disobey. Why is this true?
- e) What opportunities has God given you right now to go? To send?
- f) What is a next step you can take this week, to put your 'yes' on the table for scattering on mission?

Prayer Application

Spend time as a group or in accountability praying out of **Acts 20:1-16...**

- a) **ADORATION:** Lord Jesus, You are the God of encouragement who _____ .
- b) **CONFESSION:** Lord Jesus, I repent of forsaking your encouragement by _____ .
- c) **THANKSGIVING:** Lord Jesus, I thank you for encouraging me through _____ .
- d) **SUPPLICATION:** Lord Jesus, I ask for _____ .

Memory Verse:

"But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called 'today', that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin."-Hebrews 3:13

