



## June 27th Discussion Guide

### **PERSEVERANCE - ACTS 20:17-38**

This is a 12 week study through the Book of Acts. Content for this discussion guide is based on the sermon, so participation in weekly worship will enhance the conversation on this topic. If you want to watch the sermon it can be viewed at [Sermons Archive - Good Shepherd Church Naperville](#)

#### Prayer

Open your group in prayer.

#### Icebreaker (10 min)

Share any encouraging stories you heard regarding the tornado in the Naperville area this past week.



## Discussion (45 min)

1. Read Acts 20:17-19, 9:23-24, 2 Cor 11:24-28.
  - a. What were SOME of Paul's struggles listed in these verses?
  - b. Have you ever felt like giving up on your faith journey based on your list of struggles?
2. Read Acts 20:20-24.
  - a. What was Paul's mission and message in these verses?
  - b. Use a concordance or dictionary to define the word "grace".
  - c. How is Christianity different from other religions because of grace?
3. Read Acts 20:25-31.
  - a. What was Paul warning to the elders?
  - b. What areas of your life do you need to keep watch over yourselves and those you oversee?
4. Read Acts 20:32-38, Acts 1:8, 2 Cor. 4:7-9 and 12:9.
  - a. Where did Paul get his strength to persevere?
  - b. Where do you get your strength to persevere?
  - c. What three things did Paul lean into to not give up the race? (*God's power, prayer, and community*) Which of these do you need to focus on more?

**Application question:** What is the bigger purpose and power that keeps you going? What will you do this week to help you persevere and finish the race?

## Closing Prayer

LORD, Your bigger purpose and power keeps us going and helps us run with perseverance. Give us your strength from the Holy Spirit to keep sharing Your message of repentance and the gospel of grace.