

FOLLOWING THE MESSAGE

- 1) *20:7* Here is a glimpse into the main elements of the early church's worship service: observed on the first day of the week; consisted of worship, breaking of bread, and teaching.
- 2) *20:12* The restoration of this young life is a vivid reminder that the Jesus whom we know is the resurrection and the life.
- 3) *20:19* Every believer is called to serve God rather than men (Galatians 1:10; 1 Thessalonians 2:4; 1 Corinthians 10:31; Matthew 25:34–40; Ephesians 6:5–7; Colossians 3:24).
- 4) *20:18-21* Three characteristics that are a model for effectiveness with people who need Jesus:
 - Humble—Being a servant is a trademark of those who follow Christ.
 - Candid—When we are faithful to the truth, there is nothing to hide.
 - Inclusive—No one is left out of the invitation.
- 5) *20:23* The warnings by the Holy Spirit prepared Paul for what awaited him in Jerusalem and assured him that whatever happened, God was in it.
- 6) *20:24* Paul was willing to face the dangers and to surrender his life for Jesus in order that people would hear the gospel.
- 7) *20:21, 24* A presentation of the biblical gospel must contain two components:
 - Repentance toward God—Repentance is a change of mind that results in a change of behavior.
 - Faith in our Lord Jesus Christ—We not only turn away from sin, but turn to God (1 Thessalonians 1:9).
- 8) *20:26* The task of any Christ-follower is to proclaim the full will of God. The response is the hearer's responsibility.
- 9) *20:28* The first priority for anyone is his own relationship with God.

- 10) *20:28* The church is the most precious reality on earth, since the ultimate price was paid for it when Jesus purchased it with His own blood (1 Peter 1:18–19).
- 11) *20:28-30* Believers must know the Word of God in order to be able to detect the frauds (Matthew 7:15–23; 10:16; Luke 10:3; 2 Peter 2:1–3).
- 12) *20:32* We focus so heavily on God's Word because it alone leads us to our inheritance.
- 13) *20:35* These words of Jesus are not found anywhere in the Gospels, but are part of oral tradition.
- 14) Paul's success flowed from his devotion to truth, his spiritual character, his commitment to serving God, and the resultant powerful example his life set for others.

GREEK WORDS

Deō—bound; refers to physical binding with chains or ropes
Diastrephō—to distort or to twist

TODAY'S SONGS

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