

The Ultimate Elder

Acts 20.17-38

Focus: calling the church's leaders to be humble, faithful guardians of the flock.



Paul's Third Missionary Journey

Discussion:

- Read Acts 20.16-38 and list all the insights you gain about church leadership from Paul. How are these traits different from our cultures prevailing ideas of leadership?
- The sermon focussed on three main emphases: humility, faithfulness, and watchfulness. Where do you see these show up in Paul's example and sermon?
- Discuss why you think these three traits are so vital to elders in the church? Take them one at a time and explore them thoroughly!
- Which of these three (or the other leadership traits Paul mentions) is the one you personally most need to grow in? How could you begin to do that?
- How can you use this passage to pray for the elders at NW? What is your plan to begin doing that? (bonus points if you can name all the elders at NW! hint: they are on the leadership page of our website!)
- Bonus: discuss the different ways that the Spirit is at work in Paul's sermon

2014-2015 Acts Focus

To advance our church in our knowledge and experience of the Spirit in such a way that we will increasingly embrace His ministry in and through us, especially in witness.

