

# GLORY DAYS

## “A Life Raised to Glory”

*“On the first day of the week we came together to break bread. Paul spoke to the people and, because he intended to leave the next day, kept on talking until midnight. <sup>8</sup> There were many lamps in the upstairs room where we were meeting. <sup>9</sup> Seated in a window was a young man named Eutychus, who was sinking into a deep sleep as Paul talked on and on. When he was sound asleep, he fell to the ground from the third story and was picked up dead. <sup>10</sup> Paul went down, threw himself on the young man and put his arms around him. “Don’t be alarmed,” he said. “He’s alive!” <sup>11</sup> Then he went upstairs again and broke bread and ate. After talking until daylight, he left. <sup>12</sup> The people took the young man home alive and were greatly comforted.”*  
- Acts 20:7-12 (NIV 1984)

Acts 20 Theme = **Paul’s Encouragement**

*“From Miletus, Paul sent to Ephesus for the elders of the church. <sup>18</sup> When they arrived, he said to them: “You know how I lived the whole time I was with you, from the first day I came into the province of Asia. <sup>19</sup> I served the Lord with great humility and with tears, although I was severely tested by the plots of the Jews. <sup>20</sup> You know that I have not hesitated to preach anything that would be helpful to you but have taught you publicly and from house to house. <sup>21</sup> I have declared to both Jews and Greeks that they must turn to God in repentance and have faith in our Lord Jesus. <sup>22</sup> “And now, compelled by the Spirit, I am going to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there. <sup>23</sup> I only know that in every city the Holy Spirit warns me that prison and hardships are facing me. <sup>24</sup> However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the gospel of God’s grace.”*  
- Acts 20:17-24 (NIV 1984)

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### Paul’s example to us...

Paul encouraged people through his **presence**. (vv. 18-20, 31, 35)

Paul encouraged people through his **words**. (vv. 7, 9, 18-35)

Paul encouraged people through his **actions**. (vv. 12, 19, 20, 35)

### 3-D Evangelism...

D **velop** Friendships

D **iscover** Stories

D **iscern** Next Steps

### Small Group Questions

1. In the scriptures, where else do you see the ministry of presence?
2. How are you practicing the ministry of presence?
3. Read Acts 20:18-35 and compare your “words” with the implied words of Paul. How do you compare?
4. Where do you find yourself on the 3 D’s of Evangelism? How can you move forward in a lifestyle of relational evangelism?
5. Read Paul’s words in 2 Timothy 3:10-11. Paul’s life/faith was an open book. How do people know that you are a disciple of Jesus?