



Sermon  
Discussion  
Guide

Sunday, September 21, 2025

## ACTS – Faithful Witness Enduring Leadership

### Read/Reflect

1. Read Acts 20:13-38. What are some of the key characteristics of Paul's ministry as he describes it to the Ephesian elders in this passage?
2. In this instruction to Ephesian elders, Paul keeps holding himself up as an example of how to lead in the church. Identify some of the exemplary aspects of his leadership and wonder which ones you have the hardest time to imitate.

### Explore

3. Share a time in your life when the experience of God's grace was particularly real for you. There are many ways of ministry in the Christian life – how do you express your faith and your love of God?
4. What are some of the threats to the church today that, as Paul suggests, might occur or show up as "savage wolves" (vs.29, 30)?
5. How do Paul's suggestions for leadership challenge popular notions of leadership and success today?
6. How does it feel when something into which you have put everything you've got comes to an end? How do you cope with endings (refer to verses 36-38)?

### Pray

- Pray for the leadership of the church, for the Board of Elders, the church staff, the Life Group & Pastoral Elders, and the Deacons; that they experience God's grace day by day and are equipped with wisdom and discernment for the work of ministry.
- Pray for New Life Church, that it may be a community of Christ that draws people in to experience the amazing grace of God.