

Paul's Concern For The Lost

Acts 20:17-35

The Basis Of His Concern For The Lost (Acts 20)

- He regarded himself as a servant of the Lord. **Verse 19**
 - Past work in Ephesus as a servant. **Ephesians 3:7-9**
 - Paul frequently referred to himself as a "Bondservant." **Philippians 1:1; Romans 1:1; cf. 1 Corinthians 9:19**

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- He regarded himself as a servant.
- Essential to saving the lost.
 - Jesus set the example. **Matthew 20:28; Philippians 2:5-7**
 - Christians called to serve. **Matthew 20:26; Matthew 18:1ff; Romans 12:3; Hebrews 10:24**

Characteristics Of Paul's Service Acts 20:19

- Paul's service was...
 - **Humble.** "*With all lowliness of mind.*" **Ephesians 4:1; Philippians 3:5-8; Galatians 6:14**
 - **Tearful.** "*And with tears,*" **Acts 20:31; 2 Corinthians 2:4**
 - Jesus. **Luke 19:41**
 - Samuel. **1 Samuel 15**
 - Ezra. **10:1**
 - Paul. **Romans 9:1-3; 10:1-3**
- At Ephesus, tears caused by:
 - Ignorance. **Acts 19:2**
 - Blasphemy. **Acts 19:8**
 - Idolatry. **Acts 19:28**

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 - **Trying.** "*And with trials.*" **2 Corinthians 11:23-28; cf. Acts 14:11-19; 2 Timothy 1:8; 4:5; 3:12**
 - Labored with his hands. **Acts 20:34; 2 Corinthians 12:15**
 - Anxiety. **2 Corinthians 11:28**
 - **Rewarding.** **Acts 19:9-10; 1 Thessalonians 2:19-20; Philippians 4:1; Philippians 1:21; 3 John 4**

The Extent Of Paul's Concern For The Lost

- He went to the lost. (Went to Ephesus twice.) **cf. John 4:34-35; Matthew 9:36-38; Philippians 4:16**
- Taught fearlessly. "*I shrank not from declaring to you...*" **Verse 26; Ezekiel 3:16-21**
- Taught "Publicly and from house to house." **cf. 1 Corinthians 9:16; 2 Timothy 4:2**

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- Taught all. "...Both Jews and Greeks." Acts 26:17; Galatians 2:7; cf. Romans 1,2,3; cf. James 2:1-4
- Taught persistently. Verses 18, 31; Romans 10:1; 9:3; John 9:4; Colossians 4:5

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