



## Sunday Sermon Discussion Outline

Pastor Philip Thomas, April 25, 2021

Acts 20:1-38 – Finishing Well

### We Learn:

Paul continued to travel to different churches to encourage and strengthen the new believers and leaders. Since he could not return to Ephesus, Paul sent for the elders of the church in Ephesus to meet him in Miletus. He shared a farewell address with them since he knew he was being led by the Holy Spirit to Jerusalem and he would not see them again. Paul's emphasis is not on his past, or even what he has accomplished but on finishing well. His aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord has given him.

- How do we know that Paul cared deeply for the people? What does he say to the elders that makes it clear that he loves God and loves people?
- What was the calling and mission that Paul pursued? How do we know that Paul focused on completing the task that the Lord had given him?
- What does Paul mean when he says that his only aim is to finish the race?
- Based on Hebrews 13:7 why is it important to finish well?
- How does Paul describe his life journey in 2 Timothy 4:1-8?
- What should we understand about the crown of righteousness and our running the race so as to win the prize?
- How should we relate to our brothers and sisters who are running their race alongside us?

### We Respond:

- How can we make the same declaration as Paul at the end of our lives?
- What does it mean to commit to finishing well?
- How should we rely on the Lord to finish well?

### We Apply:

- What area(s) in your life have you stumbled in and stopped running? How can you get back up and resume the race?
- What can we learn from Jesus' example so that at the end of our lives we can also say, "It is finished!"?