



Paul's 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 Missionary  
 Journey

1. What impacted you most from the Sunday sermon?

**Please revisit Acts Ch 20.28-31**

2. Paul teaches the elders that it is the Holy Spirit who has made them overseers of God's flock (those called and tasked to 'watch-over' and 'be shepherds of' the flock)? In other words, 'The Lord is our Shepherd, but He has also made overseer to watch over and to shepherd His flock.' Why does this truth matter?
3. Which aspects of being shepherds does Paul emphasize for the Ephesian elders?
4. The church of God is 'bought with His own blood' – how does this truth help correct us all ('elders' and 'flock' alike) from a false sense of 'ownership' of God's church?

**Please read Acts 21.1-14, along with 1 Kings 11.29-31 & Matthew 16.21-27**

5. What do you think the Spirit's purpose was in revealing this predictive prophecy through Agabus to those present in Caesarea (like the OT predictive prophecy by Ahijah in 1 Kings 11, and Jesus' predictive message to his disciples in Matthew 16)?
6. How was the people's reaction like that of Peter in Matthew 16?
7. Do you think their resignation in Acts 21.14 is the reaction the Holy Spirit was looking for?
8. How does this alert us to the danger of responding to prophesy in 'human' ways rather than embracing the 'mind of God'?

**Please read Acts 21.15-26**

9. How do you think Paul would have felt at the reaction of James and the Jerusalem elders to his return after 4 years, and his report of God's work amongst the Gentiles (Acts 21.17-22)? How would you feel?
10. What can we learn from how Paul handled himself in the situation?