## Serving The Body Of Christ

Acts 20:22-24 and I Cor. 12:4-12 Jim Hodge

## I. Understanding the Principles of God's Grace

What matters most to me is to finish what God started: the job Master Jesus gave me of letting everyone I meet know all about this incredibly extravagant generosity of God. Acts 20:24 (The Message Bible)

### II. Understanding How Grace Translates into Serving the Body

Now you are Christ's body, and individual members of it. I Cor. 12:27

Ephesians 4:11-16 (Page #1171)

# III. Understanding Grace in Serving the Body of Christ

I Peter 4:10-11 (Page #1214)

#### FAITH SHEET

**Transformation Verse** - *Jesus answered,* '*My Kingdom is not of this world....'* John 18:36

**Times with the Lord this week** - If you have extra time, look up the cross references with the Transformation Scripture.

#### #1 - Reviewing this Past Sunday Serving The Body Of Christ (Acts 20:22-24; 1 Cor. 12:4-12)

- 1. Read Acts 20:22-24 and 1 Cor. 12:4-12.
- 2. Do you see similarities in Acts 20:22-23 and Luke 6:22?
- 3. Why did Paul expect trouble in Jerusalem? (v 23)
- 4. Read Acts 20:26-27. Is there anyone in your life who needs to hear the gospel from you? Ask the Holy Spirit to lead you.
- 5. What special talent or ability do you have that God can use in service to the Body of Christ? Are you using it?
- 6. Who is really working through you as you use your gift? (1 Cor. 12:4-6).
- 7. Read 1 Cor. 12:7. How can you use your spiritual gift for the good of this congregation?

#### **#2 - Preparing for Next Sunday** Guatemala Mission Team Testimonies

- 1. Read Ps. 100:5, 106:1, 34:8 and Luke 18:19. From these verses, what overarching theme can we say about God?
- 2. What is your personal definition of "good" as it refers to God? What is usually happening in your life when you say, "God is so good to me"?
- 3. Read Ps. 145:9. Using your definition of good, is God still good when you look at suffering going on in the majority of the world? How?
- 4. Read Galatians 6:10, Luke 6:27, and Luke 6:33-35. As believers, who among us do you think are called to do good? According to Jesus, who are we to do good to? Are you doing that?