

S.G. Study Guide: *To the End of the Earth.* Acts 20:1-17

Opening Thought: How would you define the gospel? How would you define discipleship?

1. The Gospel: Disciples learn heart knowledge. (Acts 20:1-6)

- During the 3-month stay in Greece, it's believed that Paul authored Romans. How would you describe the theme of Romans? How can we include the theme within the scope of discipleship?
- Who were the companions traveling with the Apostle Paul? What does this teach us about the expansion of the church? What does this teach us about gaining heart knowledge through Christian community?
- How might we understand and apply the principle of "building a community to reach a community"? Can a church reach a community if there is not a true gospel community thriving?
- What are ways we can create and protect heart knowledge as a church? How can we share our heart knowledge individually and collectively as a church?

2. The Gospel: Disciples learn head knowledge. (Acts 20:7-17)

- Paul speaks of life in terms of spiritual warfare and the Bible as our sword. Using this line of reasoning, how equipped are we to battle against evil? How did Jesus combat the attack and/or lies of the enemy? (See Matthew 4:1-11)
- Who is Eutychus, what happens to him? What is the most striking part of the story for you? Share as a group.
- How long did the disciples willing to listen to Paul teach? Compare to modern times.
- What happens after Eutychus is healed? As amazing as his healing was, where was the apostolic focus? What can we learn from this?
- How did Paul continue to share head knowledge to the disciples in Troas and Ephesus? How did each church respond? What were they willing to do to learn?
- How can we gain and balance head and heart knowledge?