

***The Man With
With 20:20 Vision
Acts 20:17-21***

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17 And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus, and called the elders of the church.

18 And when they were come to him, he said unto them, Ye know, from the first day that I came into Asia, after what manner I have been with you at all seasons,

19 Serving the LORD with all humility of mind, and with many tears, and temptations, which befell me by the lying in wait of the Jews:

20 And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have shewed you, and have taught you publicly, and from house to house,

21 Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

Introduction

A. It Was a Christ-centered Meeting

**B. It Was a Meeting To Look Back And To Prepare For
The Future**

C. Paul Was A Man With Acts 20:20 Vision

I. Paul Had Tender Vision (20:19)

A. “With many tears”

B. Paul was moved by the needs of the people

1. Like Jesus, he saw their tears and shed his own

2. These were people with great spiritual needs

Matthew 9:36

But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.

I. Paul Had Tender Vision (20:19)

C. Paul remembered his compassion for those in bondage

1. They were in the bondage of idolatry

Acts 18:28

And when they heard these sayings, they were full of wrath, and cried out, saying, Great is Diana of the Ephesians.

2. They were in the bondage of unbridled passion

Ephesians 5:3-4

**3 But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints;
4 Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks.**

I. Paul Had Tender Vision (20:19)

C. Paul remembered his compassion for those in bondage

3. They were in the bondage of anger and enslaving substances

Ephesians 5:18

And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;

D. Paul reminded these elders of his passion for souls

Acts 20:24

But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.

II. Paul Had Targeted Vision (20:20)

A. “Publicly and from house to house”

B. His ministry had been one of continual outreach

1. He was not satisfied with just holding services

2. His strategy was based on the Great Commission

Matthew 28:18-20

18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

II. Paul Had Targeted Vision (20:20)

C. His public preaching centered on salvation

1 Corinthians 1:17

For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect.

III. Paul Had Total Vision (20:21)

A. “Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Gentiles”

B. Paul’s passion for souls allowed him no prejudice

1. He saw all people as lost and in need of repentance

1 Corinthians 2:2

For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

2. He gave the good news of salvation by faith to all

1 Corinthians 9:17

For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!

III. Paul Had Total Vision (20:21)

C. He wanted to be free from the blood of all people

Acts 20:26

Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I am pure from the blood of all men.

**May God Give Us Acts 20:20
Vision Every Day**