

# The gospel: unchained

Advancing the gospel (in the face of life and death)

Acts 20:1–16

**Question:** What is Christianity for?

## 1. Word-empowered encouragement (20:1–2, 13–16)

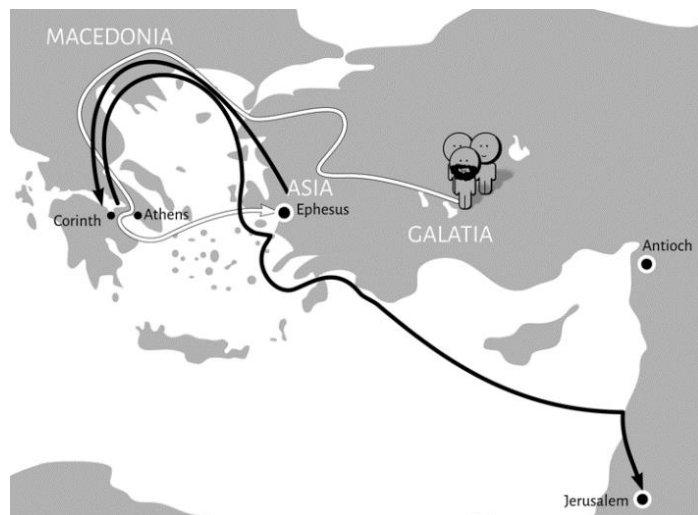
### a. Its essence: strengthening disciples.

When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad, and he **exhorted** [lit: encouraged] them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose. 11:23 ESVUK

...strengthening the souls of the disciples, **encouraging** them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God. 14:22 ESVUK

### b. Its means: the word of God.

### c. Its method: repeated investment.



## 2. Mission-minded training (20:3–6)

Church	Name	Other NT appearances
Derbe (14:20–21)	Gaius	Acts 19:29
	Timothy	Acts 16:1; 17:14, 15; 18:5; 19:22; 20:4; Rom 16:21; 1 Cor 4:17; 16:10; 2 Cor 1:1; 1:19; Phil 1:1; 2:19; Col 1:1; 1 Thess 1:1; 3:2, 6; 2 Thess 1:1; 1 Tim 1:2, 18; 6:20; 2 Tim 1:2; Philem 1; Heb 13:23
Berea (17:10–15)	Sopater	
Thessalonica (17:1–9)	Aristarchus	Acts 19:29; 27:2; Col 4:10
	Secundus	
Asia (19:1–20)	Tychicus	Eph 6:21; 2 Tim 4:12; Col 4:7; Tit 3:12
	Trophimus	Acts 21:29; 2 Tim 4:20

## 3. Life-giving preaching (20:7–12)