

The gospel: unchained
Securing the gospel (through genuine gospel ministry)
Acts 20:17–38

What should the church do?

1) Paul's model service: profitable declaration v17-21

(Paul's model departure v22-24)

2) Paul's 'pastoral' charge: a persevering watch v25-31

v25-27 Paul's 'watch'

v28 The Christian leaders' watch

v29-31 Wolf watch

3) Paul's supreme confidence: a powerful word v32-35

Questions for discussion and reflection:

- How does Paul's example help us understand what true Christian service is about?
- How can we help one another be a 'watchful' church?
- How does Paul's speech help us judge what is truly valuable?
- What different things does Paul warn against in this passage? Which one do we most need to hear at the moment?
- How does this passage help us to be confident about what serving Jesus looks like?