



**Topeka Bible Church**  
**The Life of Paul, Episode 35:**  
**“Finishing Strong”**  
**Community Group Study Questions**  
**Acts 20:22-24 and selected passages**

1. What a large accomplishment that you have finished in your lifetime (marathon, thesis, overcoming health issues, etc.)? Were you tempted to give up before completing? What makes completion so difficult?
  
2. Imagine that you were Paul, knowing that “finishing” meant your life would possibly end in Jerusalem (*Acts 20:22-23; 9:15-16; 2 Corinthians 6:4-5*)? How would you have responded?
  
3. How does Paul model endurance to the end in his task of proclaiming the gospel (*2 Corinthians 11:23*)? Do we need to endure similarly in our task to proclaim the gospel to our world (*Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 1:8*)? Explain.
  
4. Similar to last week, consider *Acts 20:24* closely. Would you be willing to choose faithfulness over life itself? As you think about finishing well in this life, what would this kind of faithfulness look like (*Ephesians 5:15-17; Matthew 25:21*)?

5. Why do we so often struggle to maintain a life of faithfulness whereby we finish well? What is the key to pursuing a life of consistent and faithfulness (2 Corinthians 3:18; 12:9-10)? Are you depending on God's grace and His Spirit to do this (Romans 8:29-30)?
  
6. What is the danger of not living life so as to finish well? We obviously do not lose our salvation (Ephesians 1:13-14), but what might we lose out on? Who is an individual that you know who has finished or is finishing their lives well (Hebrews 12:1-2)?
  
7. In light of this sermon and Paul's words in Acts 20:22-24, what are some specific steps that you can take this week which will allow you to finish well as you further God's kingdom here on earth (Philippians 3:12-14)? Share these steps with someone.

**Memory Verse:**

**"But I do not consider my life of any account as dear to myself, so that I may finish my course and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify solemnly of the gospel of the grace of God."**

**(Acts 20:24, NASB)**