



GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Talk About It

1. How do you say goodbye to people you love? Is it quick and painless? Long and drawn out? Weeping and wailing? Like it's no big deal?

Read About It: Acts 20:22-24, 2 Corinthians 11:24-29, Philippians 3:7-8, Psalm 119:105

Think About It

2. **Read Acts 20:22-24.** Can you recall a time when you felt compelled to do something? How did you respond? Paul responded despite facing hardships. What hardships are facing American Christians? Do you believe that Americans live in a cadence of comfort?
3. **Read 2 Corinthians 11:24-29** What kinds of hardships had Paul encountered? What are some hardships that are common for us today? How do these impact our ability to keep in Cadence with the Holy Spirit?
4. **Read Philippians 3:7-8** How would you describe what motivates Paul to continually be in step with the Holy Spirit?

Do Something About It

5. **Read Psalms 119:105.** What are the functions and the images in the word "Lamp"? What does it illuminate? How does it direct us?

Acts 20:22-24

²² "And now, compelled by the Spirit, I am going to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there. ²³ I only know that in every city the Holy Spirit warns me that prison and hardships are facing me. ²⁴ However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God's grace.

2 Corinthians 11:24-29

²⁴ Five times I received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one. ²⁵ Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was pelted with stones, three times I was shipwrecked, I spent a night and a day in the open sea, ²⁶ I have been constantly on the move. I have been in danger from rivers, in danger from bandits, in danger from my fellow Jews, in danger from Gentiles; in danger in the city, in danger in the country, in danger at sea; and in danger from false believers. ²⁷ I have labored and toiled and have often gone without sleep; I have known hunger and thirst and have often gone without food; I have been cold and naked. ²⁸ Besides everything else, I face daily the pressure of my concern for all the churches. ²⁹ Who is weak, and I do not feel weak? Who is led into sin, and I do not inwardly burn?

Philippians 3:7-8

⁷ But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ

Psalm 119:105

Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path.