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## **Study Questions**

*The Unstoppable Church*

### **Final Words**

**Acts 20:17-38**

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### **Opening Discussion**

1. What do you think makes a good leader? Is there a difference between a good leader and a good spiritual leader?
2. Why do you think high profile Christian leaders like Ted Haggard and so many others fail morally?
3. Many people in a local church serve in positions of spiritual leadership with children, youth, college, adults, women's ministries, etc. What should we expect from these people, and what are the warning signs that something may not be right?

### **Bible Study**

1. Do a quick review of what has already transpired in Ephesus in Acts 19.
2. Read Acts 20:17-38. In verses 17-27 Paul identifies many characteristics of a faithful spiritual leader. List as many as you can and discuss them.
3. In Acts 20:28-35 Paul turns his attention to the responsibilities of the leaders in Ephesus. Why does he start by saying, "Be on guard for yourselves...?"
4. What is Paul's concern after he leaves? Compare Jesus' words in Matthew 7:15; 10:16; John 10:11-15. What is the role of the spiritual shepherd, and why is this role important?
5. In what way do Jesus' words, quoted in Acts 20:35, sum up the calling of a spiritual leader?

### **Application**

1. Summarize the role and qualifications of a spiritual leader.
2. Identify the various leadership roles represented in your group. Husband, parent, marketplace, church, etc. What one thing from this text impressed or challenged you the most as a spiritual leader?
3. Spend time praying for one another and the various leadership roles represented in your group. Also spend time praying for all the spiritual leaders called to shepherd the flock of God at Lincoln Berean.