

For the week of April 23, 2017
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Show the Way

30th week in the series *Sent: Living the Mission of the Church*

Have you ever gotten into a certain routine that maybe felt like a treadmill? You go about your days, your weeks, even your years, and maybe, finally, you wonder why it is you're doing what you're doing. Today we will hear from someone who had certain priorities and had no problem telling a certain group of people what their priorities should be. The apostle Paul will show us the way.

Discussion Questions:

1. Consider Paul's words in Acts 20:24: "But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus . . ." How do you relate to these words?
2. Consider Paul's words in Acts 20:28: "Pay careful attention to yourselves . . ." How do you relate to these words?
3. How do you relate to this admonition from Frederick Buechner:
"Listen to your life. See it for the fathomless mystery it is.
In the boredom and pain of it, no less than in the
excitement and gladness: touch, taste, smell your way to
the holy and hidden heart of it, because in the last analysis
all moments are key moments, and life itself is grace."
4. Consider Paul's words in Acts 20:18: "You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia." How do you relate to these words, particularly the idea that for Paul ministry involved literally being "with" people?