

WEEKLY GROUP GUIDE



Scripture: Acts 20:17–35



Week of: August 11, 2025



Message Title: Core Values: Motivations to Fulfill the Mission



Speaker: Pastor Lenard Tavernelli

1. ICEBREAKER (5–10 MINS)

What's something you've stuck with for a long time—a hobby, job, discipline, or relationship? What motivated you to keep going even when it got hard?

2. READ TOGETHER

Read **Acts 20:17–35** aloud as a group.

Ask: What do you notice about Paul's example of leadership, mission, and motivation in this passage?

3. GROUP DISCUSSION (30–40 MINS)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS: *You don't need to go through all the questions with the group. Choose the most relevant ones.*

1. Paul says he didn't "shrink back" from declaring anything that was profitable. What are some things we're tempted to hold back on today—either in sharing the gospel or growing as disciples?
2. Verse 24 is a powerful statement of motivation. Paul counts his life as nothing compared to finishing the course and fulfilling his calling. What might it look like for you to adopt that same posture in your life?
3. The sermon emphasized that churches aren't driven by mission alone—but by shared values. What stood out to you most about the eight core values Pastor Lenard walked through?

4. Paul taught publicly and from house to house. How does that reinforce the need for both gathered worship and smaller group discipleship (like this one)? How are you engaging in both?
5. One of Bethel's core values is Bible knowledge. What helps you grow in understanding Scripture—and what's one area of the Bible you want to better understand this year?
6. We heard that prayer fuels the church's mission. How would you describe the current "fuel level" of your prayer life? What small change could help you grow in it?
7. Pastor Lenard said, "We have anti-values that can compete with God's mission." What are some common competing values in churches—or in your own life—that can cause drift?
8. The values of fellowship and serving were highlighted. How have you seen or experienced these in a meaningful way at Bethel recently? Is there a next step for you to serve or connect?
9. One of Bethel's core values is evangelism. Paul's whole life was about testifying to the grace of God. Who is one person God has put on your heart to share that grace with?
10. How can your group encourage one another to live out Bethel's mission to "proclaim the truth of Jesus and grow mature disciples for the glory of God"?

4. PRAYER (10–15 MINS)

Encourage openness and honesty.

Prompt:

Pray for a renewed passion to live out Bethel's mission and values. Ask God to help your group become more rooted in Scripture, committed to prayer, active in service, and bold in witness. Invite the Spirit to guide you individually and as a community.