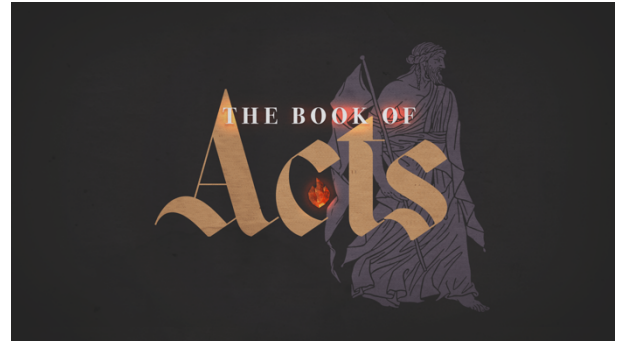

Life Group Questions / September 14, 2025

The Book of Acts
55 – Constrained by the Spirit
Acts 20:17-27



1. Since it is our 24th anniversary as a church, take a moment to reflect on your own time at Harvest and share a highlight or a blessing that has impacted you.
2. Read John 15:12-13, 35 and make a list of all the different ways that genuine biblical love is to be demonstrated by believers in the context of the church community. Which ones do you think Harvest is good at and which ones are growth points?
3. Paul laid out his resumé of serving in Acts 20:18-21, and we heard that he didn't make excuses for why he couldn't serve, as many do today. What excuses do people use for why they don't serve? Discuss whether these excuses are legit.
4. In your experience, what part of determining God's will is clear and what part is less so? What is the biblical way of determining God's will?
5. Everything we have is because of God's grace. We can never over-emphasize his grace toward us. Our part, as true believers in Jesus Christ is to go where Jesus went first: constrained by the same Spirit to love as we've been loved, to serve as he served us, to follow him—imperfectly but unceasingly—and to live in the good of this grace amid all the traumas we face as individuals, families, churches, and nations. Just think about that. And pray for one another as you consider how that changes so much about how we live day by day.

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Message: 55 – Constrained by the Spirit

Text: Acts 20:17-27

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When the Spirit is at work in me, I am constrained...

...to love others (v. 17-18a)

John 15:12-13

John 13:35

...to serve the Lord (v. 18b-21)

Our life here, as saints, is no aimless life. We know the true way of living. We have found an object worthy of our living for. In all we speak and do we serve the Lord Christ. We do not live at random. Each hour, each word, each action, has its aim... Our desire is, not to kill time, but to use it; to gather up all its fragments, to lay out every moment well, to lose nothing of so precious a benefit. All that we have of it is too little to be trifled with, too precious to be thrown away.

—Horatius Bonar

...to follow his will (v. 22-23)

...to live in his grace (v. 24-27)

James 1:17a

2 Timothy 4:6-7

2 Timothy 4:8