

# THE PASTOR'S *ESSENTIALS*®

OUR LIVES IN THE BIBLE - THE BIBLE IN OUR LIVES

<sup>13</sup> "ENTER THROUGH THE NARROW GATE. FOR WIDE IS THE GATE AND BROAD IS THE ROAD THAT LEADS TO DESTRUCTION, AND MANY ENTER THROUGH IT. <sup>14</sup> BUT SMALL IS THE GATE AND NARROW THE ROAD THAT LEADS TO LIFE, AND ONLY A FEW FIND IT.  
MATTHEW 7:13-14

**es-sen-tials** (ĭ-sĕn'shəlz) – *noun* – those things that are necessary and basic to life. In biochemistry essentials are substances that are required for normal functioning but cannot be synthesized by the body and therefore must be included in the diet. Essentials are those things that are fundamental to the spiritual health of the professing Christian.

## *Acts of the Apostles* A BIBLE STUDY

### SESSION FOURTEEN

*Acts 19:21-21:16*

#### *Questions for Session Fourteen*

1. What happened immediately prior to v. 21, and how did this impact Paul's ministry? What was Paul's purpose in sending Timothy and Erastus ahead to Macedonia? Why do you suppose he remained behind "a little longer?"
2. Discuss the statement made by v. 23. What was the Way in this verse? What was disturbing the people? How do we get upset by similar things here in the twenty-first century? Give a concrete example to discuss.
3. How can we learn by what is stated in v. 32? What could the reader learn from the reaction of this crowd to a potential economic crisis? How do we behave today, and what do we measure that often brings on that behavior?

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4. Explain the events in 20:1-6. What was Paul's attitude toward all this? How did these uprisings against him affect his travels? Was he willing to persevere?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. What is the significance of the raising of Eutychus? Why do you think Paul wanted to avoid spending time in the province of Asia?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. How can we apply Paul's words in the early part of his address to the Ephesian elders to our own lives? What instruction is there for us? What compels Paul? What guides Paul? What guides us in our lives today?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
7. How does v. 27 encapsulate Paul's faith and belief? What does Paul tell them in vv. 28-32? Have any of these things happened in our society? Have any of these things happened within the Church? Briefly describe a modern-day example.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
8. How did Paul leave the people before he boarded the ship and sailed away? What troubled the people the most? How did he address their problem of his leaving?

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9. What activity was primary *and* central to Paul's life? How could this activity enable us to do the will of God more consistently?

10. What was Paul's reaction to Agabus? How did the others react to Agabus? How did Paul deal with the tension between God's call on his life, versus what the people wanted him to do?

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