

A MODEL FOR MINISTRY DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

VARIOUS PASSAGES

1 **Is ministry the calling of every Christian or only some?** Give biblical support for your answer?


2 **Why do you think Paul mentions his tears in Acts 20:19, 31?** And then why do you think Luke (the author of Acts) mentions the tears of the elders in Acts 20:37?


 *What can you learn from these verses about the relationship Paul had with these men?*

 *What do you think Acts 20:17-38 says about discipleship at large? List some principles of discipleship you derive from the text.*

3 **We learn far more from models than we imagine.** Paul's reflection on his ministry at Ephesus provides a model to be followed then and now. In what particular areas would ministers today be challenged by this apostolic model?

4 **Since the elders from the church of Ephesus in Acts 20 are shepherds of God's people, what must they do first and foremost?** Where do you find that in the text?

 *What must they recognize according to Acts 20:28?*

 *What must they be wary of according to Acts 20:29-31?*

 *What do you know about the relationship of sheep and shepherds that would parallel the relationship of the church and her leaders?*

