

SERMON TITLE: **Do Not Be Alarmed**

TEXT: **Acts 20:7-12**

### **INTRODUCTION.**

In this sermon, we will learn about the importance of regularly meeting together for worship. As we study what Scripture says, we will be challenged to see that our faithfulness to this Sabbath rhythm of worshipping together is actually the foundation for experiencing God's very life and for exhibiting gospel principles to our community. We will learn that faithfulness to our community of faith and the Sabbath rhythms given to us by God are not only formative for those who follow Jesus, but are also transformative for those watching from the outside.

### **DISCUSSION.**

Compare your life today with how you were 5 or 10 years ago. In what ways is weekly gathering for worship more important for you and your growth to be more like Jesus?

### **EXAMINATION.**

Acts 20:7-12 —

What is God's gift of a Sabbath day intended to do for us? What is God's gift of Sabbath (a day of rest and worship) intended to teach us?

Why is it important that we gather regularly together? What do you believe is the most important reason for the church to gather?

Do you believe that the church has become irrelevant to our community and culture? In other words, if The Worship Place ceased to be would our community lament the loss?

In what ways does faithful, regular attendance and participation in worship, Bible study, fellowship, and service (all the things Jesus' followers do) prevent the church from becoming irrelevant?

### **APPLICATION.**

- What one thing will you do this week to make regular attendance and participation for worship and Bible study a priority? One way is to review our Mission, Vision, and Values and then regularly and consistently implement those principles.
- Fact: What is a key truth that you understood from this passage?
- React: What did you feel?
- Act: What are you going to do?