

A Faithful Messenger

Acts 20

***How do you know a faithful messenger
when you see one?***

- I. A faithful messenger is selfless.

- II. A faithful messenger gets the message right.

A faithful messenger puts the message before the man.

Small Group Discussion

1. What about the mushers, dogs, or Balto himself do you find most inspiring from the Balto story?
2. Skim Acts 20. What parts of Paul's travels or speech show the selfless nature of Paul?
3. Briefly share about another Christian that has inspired you with their selflessness. What did that selflessness look like as they walked with Christ?
4. How does Paul summarize the message he has been preaching in verses 21 and 24? Based on these verses and other letters Paul wrote in the New Testament, what was Paul's basic message?
5. In verse 30 Paul warns that others will come in and distort the truth. What are some subtle (or not so subtle) distortions of the gospel that you have heard?
6. Practically, what can you and I do to make sure that we are getting the message right?
7. Paul says in verse 26 that he is "innocent of the blood of all men."
 - Does this statement seem out of place to you?
 - *Why* does he say this?
 - And, what does this mean—specifically, what does this tell us about our duty in proclaiming God's message?
8. Name one concrete way in which you might grow in either selflessness for the gospel, or in protecting the God's message without distortion.