**Pastor Demetric Felton Sr. October 27, 2019**

**Leading and Loving Like Paul**

1 Corinthians 16:5-24

**Key Truth:** Following Christ impacts your relationships and your commitments.

1. Paul was a tender shepherd.

 A. Rebuke is best done in the context of a loving

 relationship.

2. Paul was a tireless church planter.

 A. He never stopped being sensitive to the Holy Spirit.

 B. An open door doesn’t mean it will be easy.

3. Paul had trusted friends in the gospel ministry.

 A. Ministry is best done as a team.

 B. We need likeminded faithful men and women who are

 committed to the service of Jesus Christ.

 C. Even the most gifted ministers need to be refreshed.

4. Paul was a constant teacher.

 A. Be alert to spiritual danger.

 B. Establish your biblical convictions.

 C. Face your challenges with God confidence.

 D. Trust in the Spirit’s power.

 E. Let everything you do be motivated by love for people.

5. Paul was thankful servant no matter the circumstances.

**Taking It Beyond The Walls**: Pray that our lives would model and reflect the gospel to a watching world.

**Connection Group Homework**

Looking back at your notes, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

Read 1 Corinthians 16:10-12: Why does Paul send more mature Christians—like Timothy and Apollos—to visit the Corinthians? What does this illustrate about Paul’s affection and care for these brothers and sisters?

Most of us would like to be considered wise and insightful when it comes to our decision making. What do the following verses suggest it takes to grow in wisdom and to become effective in making good decisions?

Proverbs 3:7

Proverbs 13:20

Proverbs 16:1

Proverbs 19:20

Read Philippians 4:15-20: God blesses His people through His people. How did Paul feel when he received the gift from the Philippian church? How does it make you feel to be refreshed and thought of by others?

How does the following verses speak about real friendships and do you have friends like these?

Proverbs 17:7

Proverbs 18:24

Proverbs 27:6