

# **A Man on the Go**

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## I. Introduction.

A. Paul ministered in a threefold-ministry: the church at large, the local church and individuals.

B. We share the same three-fold responsibility.

## II. The church at large.

A. This was a concerned ministry. (Acts 20:1)

B. Paul was concerned about encouraging people.

C. Paul was concerned with involving Christians.

1. Paul took an offering to involve churches with other churches.

2. Churches should be seen as interdependent upon one another.

D. Paul's ministry was a criticized ministry.

1. He was criticized for moving all about.

2. He was criticized for changing his plans.

3. He was criticized for preaching too long.

E. Paul's ministry was a cooperative ministry. Paul was independent in order that he might teach others to be interdependent.

## III. The local church.

A. We belong to the global church and the local church.

B. The Lord's day, the Lord's people, the Lord's Supper and the Lord's message was found in the local church.

1. There is special meaning to assembling the first day of the week. We testify to the Lord's resurrection.

2. The Lord's supper was a reminder that Jesus died for them.

3. The early church never got together without the Word of God.

C. The "invisible church" is not the entity that it reaching out and meeting the real needs of the body.

## IV. The individual.

### **Application questions:**

1. How can we encourage local churches to be involved in other churches sacrificially? Explain.

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2. What excuses do Christians give for not meeting on Sunday? How would you respond?

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3. What are some practical ways that we can meet each other's needs in the church beyond Sunday service? Explain.

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