Acts 20:4 Traveling Companions

* Sopater of Berea (Macedonia)
* Aristarchus (27:2) and Secundus of the (Thessalonians), and
* Gaius of (Derbe), and
* Timothy, (Lystra) and
* Tychicus (Eph. 6:21; Col. 4:7; 2 Tim. 4:12) and
* Trophimus (Ephesian – Acts 21:29; 2 Tim. 4:20) of Asia. (New Slide)
* Luke (Acts 20:6) In Philippi – last heard from in Acts 16:40
* Context: Romans 15:25 – 27; 1 Cor. 16; 2 Cor. 8 – 9;

Background:

* Paul was in a hurry to be in Jerusalem by Pentecost (20:6, 16) [Passover to Pentecost]
* Yet he waits seven days in Troas (20:6) Plans to leave the next day.
* Purpose of the coming together? (20:7)
* If this were a common meal, no reason to wait.
* Acts 21:4 waits in Tyre seven days – inconclusive

Break Bread 1 Cor. 10:16

* Acts 20:7,11;
* Acts 2:42 , 46
* 1 Cor. 11:17 – 22 “come, meet, together”
* 1 Cor. 11:33 – 34 “wait for one another”
* 1 Cor. 16:1 – 3 “on the first day of the week”
* 1 Cor. 4:17; 2 Thess. 2:15

Precedent for First day of the week observance.

* We know that it pleased God for them to meet.
* Apostolic Approval – (1 Cor. 11:2; 1 Cor. 4:17; 2 Thess. 2:15
* We can do this and know that God is pleased.
* To meet on another day and partake is to do so without revelation.

Elders

* Elders = presbyters -- indication of age (cf. 1 Tim. 5:1)
* Overseers = bishops -- emphasizes their Oversight
* Pastors = shepherds -- emphasizes their relationship to the church
* Feed and Protect
* In every church (Acts 14:23; Titus 1:5)
* Each church had its own (1 Peter 5:2)
* Three terms referring to the same men
* Acts 20:17, 28
* Not the only ones responsible (Eph.4:11 – 16)
* What is the work of elders? (Heb. 13:7,17)