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Acts 20:17-24; 21:1-14 - September 27, 2015

Message 5 of 5 in the Sermon Series “The Best Yes-Identifying & Investing In Who God Created You to Be”

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- Community = Small Groups.
- Serving = Volunteering.
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