

**Acts 20 “Gospel Wakefulness”**  
**Acts 20:1-12**  
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Acts 20:1-6

1 After the uproar was over, Paul sent for the disciples, encouraged them, and after saying farewell, departed to go to Macedonia. 2 And when he had passed through those areas and offered them many words of encouragement, he came to Greece 3 and stayed three months. The Jews plotted against him when he was about to set sail for Syria, and so he decided to go back through Macedonia. 4 He was accompanied by Sopater son of Pyrrhus from Berea, Aristarchus and Secundus from Thessalonica, Gaius from Derbe, Timothy, and Tychicus and Trophimus from the province of Asia. 5 These men went on ahead and waited for us in Troas, 6 but we sailed away from Philippi after the Festival of Unleavened Bread. In five days we reached them at Troas, where we spent seven days.

What God is doing is connected to our being connected.

Discipleship results in friendship.

*“If you aren’t a burden, you aren’t a brother.” - Bonhoeffer*

Acts 7:7-12

7 On the first day of the week, we assembled to break bread. Paul spoke to them, and since he was about to depart the next day, he kept on talking until midnight. 8 There were many lamps in the room upstairs where we were assembled, 9 and a young man named Eutychus was sitting on a window sill and sank into a deep sleep as Paul kept on talking. When he was overcome by sleep, he fell down from the third story and was picked up dead. 10 But Paul went down, bent over him, embraced him, and said, “Don’t be alarmed, because he’s alive.” 11 After going upstairs, breaking the bread, and eating, Paul talked a long time until dawn. Then he left. 12 They brought the boy home alive and were greatly comforted.

The resurrection moved the gathering.

Hebrews 4:9-10

9 Therefore, a Sabbath rest remains for God’s people. 10 For the person who has entered his rest has rested from his own works, just as God did from his.

Hebrews 10:11-12

11 Every priest stands day after day ministering and offering the same sacrifices time after time, which can never take away sins. 12 But this man, after offering one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God.

“On the first day,” because Christ’s work shapes our work.

Everything Jesus has done is on display when we are together.

The gospel tells us that those fallen have been raised, embraced and declared alive.

1 Thessalonians 5:7-11

7 For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night.

8 But since we belong to the day, let us be self-controlled and put on the armor of faith and love, and a helmet of the hope of salvation. 9 For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. 11 Therefore encourage one another and build each other up as you are already doing.

“Whether we are awake or asleep.”

### **Life Group Discussion Questions**

- 1.) What did God say to you through His word during our Sunday gathering?
- 2.) The passage opens with Paul traveling with a group of disciples and friends. Why do we tend to think the best leaders are often self made individuals rather than products of the people around them? How are you a product of those close to you?
- 3.) When has Christianity been a lonely experience and when has it been better in community?
- 4.) Can you look back and see a moment that you wouldn't have gotten through if it weren't for a group of Christians friends?
- 5.) How has your understanding and commitment to gather with other Christians grown over time? When has Sunday felt like a burden or obligation? When has it felt special and life giving? How do we put the gospel on display when we gather?
- 6.) When Eutychus falls out of the window and dies, Acts 20:10 says that Paul bent down, embraced him and declared him alive. How is this a picture of the gospel and of God's activity in your life?
- 7.) Afterward, Paul preached and poured himself out for another six hours. How are we to pour ourselves out? Where is God calling you to be more open and generous?
- 8.) How can your Life Group encourage and help you apply this passage to your life this week?