



Topeka Bible Church
The Life of Paul, Episode 33:
"You Fall Asleep, You Die!"
Community Group Study Questions
Acts 20:1-12 and selected passages

1. Why did Paul "exhort" the disciples in Macedonia and Greece (Acts 20:1-2; cf. 19:21; 1 Corinthians 16:5-7)? What may he have told them? If the Apostle Paul had spent three months with you and your church (Acts 20:3), what questions would you ask him?

2. Why would Paul return to Macedonia after the plot for his life (Acts 20:3; 2 Corinthians 1:15-16; 11:26; 1 Thessalonians 2:14-16)? Notice the word "us" in Acts 20:5. What does this indicate (Luke 1:1-4; Acts 1:1)? Why is this important?

3. Notice the crew that surrounded Paul and Luke on their travels (Acts 20:4-6). What does their diversity reveal about the expanse of Paul's ministry (14:6, 17:1, 10)? Do you know of any parallels to Paul's diverse ministry to Asia Minor in missions work today?

4. Why did Luke mention lamps in the upper room (Acts 20:8)? How would this have contributed to Eutychus' drowsiness (Acts 20:9)? Did Eutychus (meaning "lucky") actually die or did he appear to be dead?

5. Compare Paul's raising of Eutychus (*Acts 20:10-12*) with similar miracles of Peter (*Acts 9:36-41*) and Elisha (*2 Kings 4:18-37*)? How did this miracle authenticate Paul as an apostle? How does verse 10 demonstrate Paul's persistence (cf. *Luke 15:4-7*)?

6. Have you ever become spiritually "drowsy" similar to Eutychus' physical drowsiness? Who were the encouraging leaders who saw "life" in you, stepped in to embrace you back, and pointed you to back to Christ (*Hebrews 3:12-14; 10:25*)? Have you thanked them?

7. Considering this account of Eutychus and the fact that Paul re-visited so many places he had been previously (*Acts 20:6*; cf. *16:10*), how can you specifically implement this kind of encouraging leadership this week (*1 Thessalonians 2:7-12*)?

Memory Verse:

**"But Paul went down and fell upon him, and after embracing him, he said, "
Do not be troubled, for his life is in him.""**
(Acts 20:10, NASB)