

Connection Group Discussion Questions

For the week of January 7, 2018

Acts 20:7-12

These questions are to be used as a spring board for discussion.

Answers may or may not be found in the sermons.

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

⁷ On the first day of the week, when we met to break bread, Paul was holding a discussion with them; since he intended to leave the next day, he continued speaking until midnight. ⁸ There were many lamps in the room upstairs where we were meeting. ⁹ A young man named Eutychus, who was sitting in the window, began to sink off into a deep sleep while Paul talked still longer. Overcome by sleep, he fell to the ground three floors below and was picked up dead. ¹⁰ But Paul went down, and bending over him took him in his arms, and said, "Do not be alarmed, for his life is in him." ¹¹ Then Paul went upstairs, and after he had broken bread and eaten, he continued to converse with them until dawn; then he left. ¹² Meanwhile they had taken the boy away alive and were not a little comforted.

New International Version (NIV)

⁷ On the first day of the week we came together to break bread. Paul spoke to the people and, because he intended to leave the next day, kept on talking until midnight. ⁸ There were many lamps in the upstairs room where we were meeting. ⁹ Seated in a window was a young man named Eutychus, who was sinking into a deep sleep as Paul talked on and on. When he was sound asleep, he fell to the ground from the third story and was picked up dead. ¹⁰ Paul went down, threw himself on the young man and put his arms around him. "Don't be alarmed," he said. "He's alive!" ¹¹ Then he went upstairs again and broke bread and ate. After talking until daylight, he left. ¹² The people took the young man home alive and were greatly comforted.

Connection Questions:

1. Our series as we begin the New Year is *Outside My Own Little World*. How would you describe your own little world? What gifts do you find in each other's "worlds?"
2. Describe a situation that forced you outside of "your world." What blessings did you discover? What blessings could you offer? What was challenging? Where do you think God was in it?
3. How might God be inviting you to get outside of your own world now? Where would you begin? How? Who could help you?
4. The sermon title is, *I Try to Stay Awake*. In the scripture lesson, Eutychus's falling asleep is directly connected to losing life . . . but he can wake up again, live again because of what God does. What does this mean for you? Our church?
5. How would you complete this sentence: As Jesus awakens (me, our church) to _____ (I, we) come alive!