

**Series "The Acts Of God"**  
**"Danger of Sleeping In Church"**  
**Acts 20:1-12**  
**Study-37**

**Acts 20:6-12**

**Acts 20:7** – "On the first day of the week."

**Acts 20:1-12** – Is Both "Descriptive" and "Prescriptive"

**1. Verses 1-5 – Northern Greece**

**2. Verses 6-12 – A Week in Troas**

**1. Verses 1-5 – Northern Greece:**

Acts 20:1

Acts 19:23-41

2 Corinthians 2:12-13

2 Cor 7:5-16

Acts 20:2

"much exhortation," – "gave them much encouragement, appeal, entreaty, comfort, consolation."; Literally, "Much Word"

Acts 20:3

Acts 9:23-24

Romans 15:19

Acts 20:4

1. They were receiving an offering for the suffering Jewish believers, and these men were a base of accountability. (Macedonia, Asia, Achaia)
2. They were interns of Paul. This was a traveling seminary. Paul was teaching and modeling as they traveled; A hands on.

"Sopater of Berea" – (Macedonia), "the son of Pyrrhus," Acts 17:10-14, Romans 16:21

"and by Aristarchus" – (Macedonia), Acts 19:29; 27:2

"Secundus of the Thessalonians," – (Macedonia), Secundus – means "the second."

Tertius – It may be that "number three", Romans 16:22

"Gaius of Derbe," – Acts 19:29; "and Timothy" (Lystra); "Tychicus and Trophimus of Asia."

Acts 20:5

## **2. Verses 6-12 – A Week in Troas:**

Acts 20:6

Paul's 3<sup>rd</sup> visit, Acts 16:12; Acts 20:1-2; Acts 20:6

"Troas within five days;" – Acts 16:11, it took only 2 days

Acts 16:7

Acts 20:7

Worship – Sunday, the Day of Corporate Worship: "And on the first day of the week, when we were gathered together"

Sabbath – means "Rest." It was to commemorate the seventh day of rest after God's Creation.

Matthew 28:1

The Resurrection of Jesus on the first day of the week Celebrates God's Redemption – New Creation.

1 Corinthians 16:1-2

Worship – Through Communion: to break bread; In the Jewish mind, "Breaking of Bread" probably refers to the church's regular meals. That concluded with the Lord's Supper.

Jude 1:12

The Bible never tells us how often we should practice this, 1 Cor 11:26

1 Cor 11:23-34

It is clear that Communion is for believers only, 1 Cor 11:28-31

Worship – Through Teaching The Word: “Paul began talking to them,”; the word (Verse 7, 9) “talking” – “implies discussion, maybe question and answer”

Acts 20:11: “talked” – “a long earnest talk, much conversation”; Paul took his teaching responsibility seriously.

Jesus said to the Apostle Peter – John 21:15-17, 3X: “Feed my Sheep.”

Acts 20:8

“lamps” – the word means “torches”

“in the upper room where we were gathered together.” (Acts 20:9, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor)

Acts 20:9

certain “young man”, then in verse 12 “the boy” – “8-14 years of age”; “named Eutychus” – “fortunate, prosperous”

“sinking into a deep” – Literally, “going down”; “sleep” – we get our word hypnosis.

Reasons For Sleeping In Church:

Work Schedules –

Medications –

Lack of Discipline –

Reason Number #1 – Some People Sleep In Church Because They Have Never Been Awake:

Proverbs 5:12-14

Reason Number #2 – Person’s That Are Backsliding – Sin

(Samson, who fought the Lord’s Battles by day and played with the Devil at night!) Judges 16:20

Sin Desensitizes us –

Reason Number #3 – Familiarity: the danger of constantly being around holy things, or holy matters.

Acts 20:9-10

1 Kings 17:21; 2 Kings 4:34; Dorcas – Acts 9:40

Acts 20:11-12

### **Application:**

How to Stay Awake in Church:

1. Person's That Have Never Been Awake – Need to confess our sins; declare our faith in Jesus Christ. We will then be awake and have a desire for spiritual things.
2. Person's That Are Backsliding – Sin Desensitizes us; Backsliding – Slumbering, we need to repent, remember the former, and practice the truth. Ephesians 5:8-14.
3. Person's Familiar With Holy Things – When we come, we need to really be here; Not allowing my mind to wander; Sing the songs from my heart, really think about the words; Pray along with the prayers being offered; Follow along in the Scriptures; take notes.