



Acts: The Birth of the Church in the World - Week 12: A Sleep that Kills

Acts 20: 1-16

Discussion Questions for September 27th, 2026

1. (IceBreaker) What is your best strategy to stay awake while driving? Do you have a favorite energy drink?
2. "Your faith may be personal, but it's never private." What do you think that means? How do you live it out?
3. **Paul does a lot of traveling in Acts 20. What is Paul's main priority in verses 1 and 2 as he meets with other disciples?**
4. **Point #1: Stay Awake Physically.** Paul and the believers in Troas gathered on Sunday and broke bread together, which are physical activities we can do to stay awake in our faith. What are a few more?
5. Physically showing up to a small group gathering is a great way to "stay awake." What has your small group meant to you?
6. **Point #2: Stay Awake Spiritually.** What might spiritual sleep look like in someone's life?
7. Read the following verses with your group. What can we learn about staying spiritually awake? Take a look at the surrounding verses if you need context.
 - a. Revelation 3:1-3
 - b. Romans 13:11
 - c. Ephesians 5:14
 - d. 1 Thessalonians 5:6
8. If someone wanted to examine their own spiritual condition honestly this week, what questions should they ask themselves?

9. Pray that we wake up and stay awake! Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Lord, send revival, start with me!