



Small Group Study Questions

week 4

Acts 20:1-12 (NASB)

20 After the uproar had ceased, Paul sent for the disciples, and when he had encouraged them and taken his leave of them, he left to go to Macedonia. 2 When he had gone through those regions and had given them much encouragement, he came to Greece. 3 And there he spent three months, and when a plot was formed against him by the Jews as he was about to set sail for Syria, he decided to return through Macedonia. 4 And he was accompanied by Sopater of Berea, the son of Pyrrhus, and by Aristarchus and Secundus of the Thessalonians, and Gaius of Derbe, and Timothy, and Tychicus and Trophimus of Asia. 5 Now these had gone on ahead and were waiting for us at Troas. 6 We sailed from Philippi after the days of Unleavened Bread, and reached them at Troas within five days; and we stayed there for seven days.

7 On the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread, Paul began talking to them, intending to leave the next day, and he prolonged his message until midnight. 8 There were many lamps in the upstairs room where we were gathered together. 9 And there was a young man named Eutychus sitting on the window sill, sinking into a deep sleep; and as Paul kept on talking, Eutychus was overcome by sleep and fell down from the third floor, and was picked up dead. 10 But Paul went down and fell upon him, and after embracing him, he said, "Do not be troubled, for he is still alive." 11 When Paul had gone back up and had broken the bread and eaten, he talked with them a long while until daybreak, and then left. 12 They took away the boy alive, and were greatly comforted.

DIGGING DEEPER

When you need encouragement, where do you normally turn?

Read Acts 20:1-6

What are some things that are important about Paul's journey up to this point?

Have you ever been on a trip and had to change plans spur of the moment? Tell us about it

Is it important that Paul still observed Passover? Why or why not?

Read Acts 20:7-9

What is the longest church service you've ever been part of?

When was the last time you wanted to spend more time hearing from the Bible?

Read Acts 20:10-12

What are the emotions that would have been going through this church during this episode?

DIGGING DEEPER

How does Paul have this much to say to this church?

How did this incident positively affect the spread of the gospel message?

How can this small group encourage each other through God's word?

TAKING IT HOME

PRAYER REQUEST

