

Acts: O Church, Arise!
September 27th, 2026 — Acts 20:7-12
Alive in Christ!
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Big Idea: The church is called to gather around Christ, His Word, and His resurrection power.

1. The Early _____ Gathered to _____ (v.7-8)
2. God's _____ Was Worth _____ To (v. 7)
3. Even _____ People Become _____ (v. 9)
4. God's _____ Is Greater Than Our _____ (vv. 9-10)
5. The _____ Points to _____ (v. 10-12)
6. _____ What _____ Next (v. 11)
7. The _____ Left _____ (v. 12)

Practical Applications

Reflections
Acts 20:7-12

Interpretation Questions

1. What does this passage reveal about the priorities of the early church?
2. Why do you think Luke includes an event that might seem embarrassing for the church (someone falling asleep during a sermon)?
3. How does Paul's response demonstrate both compassion and faith?
4. How does this miracle affirm Paul's ministry and the truth of the gospel he preached?
5. What does the passage teach about God's power over death and His concern for His people?

Application Questions

1. What distractions most often keep you from giving your full attention to God's Word?
2. How can our church better reflect the early church's devotion to worship, fellowship, communion, and biblical teaching?
3. When someone in the church "falls" spiritually, what can we learn from Paul's compassionate response?
4. Have you ever experienced God's encouragement during a discouraging season? How did He strengthen your faith?
5. What practical steps can you take this week to become more attentive to God's Word?
6. How can your small group encourage one another to remain spiritually awake and engaged?

Next Week: Acts 20:13-38