

A Sermon on Sleeping In Church

Acts 20:1–16

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Why is this story in the Bible? The Bible never specifically tells us why God wanted this historical event recorded for all time, but we can speculate about four possible reasons:

1. It _____ the authority of the Apostle Paul.

2. It _____ every believer who mourns the death of a believer.

3. It encourages preachers to prepare for _____.

4. It encourages sleepers to prepare for _____. Here are 7 tips on sermon-listening:
 - 4.1 _____ *before* the sermon. Ask the Holy Spirit to teach *you* and confess *your* sins.

 - 4.2 _____ *before* the sermon. Reflect on the passage to be preached and pray for the preacher.

 - 4.3 _____ *before* the sermon. Consider exercise, diet, and time management.

 - 4.4 _____ *during* the sermon. Follow the preaching text and mark up your Bible!

 - 4.5 _____ *during* the sermon. Take a few notes on the outline provided in the bulletin.

 - 4.6 _____ *during* the sermon. Settle on a specific action-point and do it.

 - 4.7 _____ *after* the sermon. Ask the preacher about interpretation and application.