

Morning Lesson

THE SLEEPY DISCIPLE

Acts 20:7-12

INTRO:

1. Eutychus fell asleep during Paul's sermon.
2. What can we learn from this account?

I. THE LIFE OF THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH.

- A. Lord's Day worship at night. v.7
- B. Their day began at sunset (6:00 P.M.).
- C. No church buildings as we know them. v. 8; Phil. 1, 2;
Acts 2:46
- D. They observed the Lord's Supper on the first day of the week.
v. 7
- E. Long sermons were preached. v. 7
- F. They not only worshipped together, but ate also. v. 11;
Jude 12; 1 Cor. 11:20-22

II. WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT EUTYCHUS.

- A. His name means "happy or fortunate."
- B. He fell asleep during the sermon. v. 9; v. 8

III. WHY THE KINFOLKS OF EUTYCHUS FALL ASLEEP.

- A. Some legitimate excuses for an occasional snooze in the pews.
- B. Some unacceptable excuses.
- C. We will give account for every deed done in the body.
2 Cor. 5:10

IV. SOME LESSONS FOR TODAY.

- A. Preacher need to be merciful as we plan the sermons.
- B. Never know what might happen if you fall asleep.
- C. The great love for the Lord that the disciples in Troas had.
- D. Miraculous power of the Holy Spirit vested in the apostles to confirm their message as from God. Mark 16:20
- E. We are reminded of a sleep more dangerous than physical.
Rom. 13:11-12; Eph. 5:14

CONC:

1. Awake to life and its glorious possibilities.
2. Awake to duty and its splendid rewards.
3. Awake to Christ and his saving power.
4. Awake to eternity and its near approach.