

2024 - Family Devo

Sep 8 - a



READ: Acts 20:1-6

Main Idea: Paul continues to different areas in Asia encouraging disciples. He was about to travel to Syria but learns of a plot of the Jews to kill him and decides to go the opposite direction to Macedonia. Seven different disciples are named as traveling with him and they go ahead of him to Troas and wait for him.

DISCUSS

Children: Don't you think that Paul would have gone all over the world teaching about Jesus? Probably, but was it safe? If he would have gone to Syria and been killed, there would have been many people that he never had a chance to tell the story about Jesus.

Teen: Why do you think the Jews wanted to kill Paul? How important do you think these disciples are to Paul? Would you want to face all Paul's future trials alone, or would you find value in your Christian brothers and sisters?

Adult: Does anything in Paul's travels make you think of David avoiding Saul's army? How difficult would it be for Paul to avoid trouble or death, given he's made quite a name for himself on this journey? Do you think he felt that he was watching over his shoulder all the time? If you were in his shoes avoiding Jews why wanted to kill you, what would be the most difficult part for you?

PRAY

MEMORIZE

Matthew 5:16 (ESV)
In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.



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READ: Acts 20:7-16

Main Idea: Paul and his companions are in Troas for a week. On Sunday of that week they gather to “break bread” (take communion). As Paul was preaching it was getting late and a young man falls asleep and out from a 3rd story window. Paul goes down and raises the man back to life.

DISCUSS

Children: We do not know how young Eutychus was. We do know that adults find it difficult to sit quietly and still for long periods of time and this is even harder when we are young. It was not misbehavior that led to Eutychus falling out of the window. He simply fell asleep. We can all empathize with him.

Teen: By whose power was Paul able to raise the dead? Do we still have the same level of devotion to the Word today? Do we desire the message to be prolonged and a willingness to lose sleep to tell others about God?

Adult: Can you remember a time when you talked, and talked and talked with someone – knowing full well that the next day you needed to be at your best? What was it that kept you talking late into the night? What do you think drew Paul to talk so long into the night? Do you think the listeners were thinking “when will he finish” or were they drawn into the discussion? If you knew you would never again see a loved one, not due to death, but by being parted, would you talk long?

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