

You may be tempted to skip over the first section of Acts chapter twenty. Most of it reads like a travelogue of Paul's third missionary journey. However, there is the six verse account of the sleepy young man named Eutychus. But there are nuggets of gold in the other eleven verses too.

I Peter 5:8 reminds us to ***“Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.”*** Both words ***Sober-minded*** and ***watchful*** are imperatives. It's required that we be self-controlled and vigilant!

No sleeping on the job, and we have to know what the job is. Fortunately Jesus gave us our job description; ***“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them...teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you”*** (Matt. 28:19-20).

Re-visiting Macedonia & Achaia (vv. 1-3a)

The Return Trip (v. 3b)

New Testament Elders (vv. 4-6)

Eutychus Raised from the Dead (vv. 7-12)

Travel Plans or Discipleship (vv. 13-17)

Personal Application and Group Interaction

1. It is evident that Paul was highly motivated to share the gospel. Where do you think his motivation came from?
2. Who are you discipling and who is discipling you?
3. How do you apply I Peter 5:8 to your daily life? What are you watching for, and what schemes of the enemy are you most vulnerable to?
4. How does the Holy Spirit help you to share the Good News?
5. In what ways do you fall asleep on the job of being sober-minded, watchful, and making disciples?
6. What steps will you take to be more sober-minded, watchful, and to make disciples?



The Eutychus Syndrome

Acts 20:1-17

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