

ACTS: Bored to Death

(Acts 20:7-12)

Introduction.

Every Sunday, I would watch Ken settle-in, fold his arms across his chest, proceed to nap during the morning sermon. At first I was offended until I learned that Ken's blood pressure medication caused his vascular pressure to drop and sleep was inevitable.

Every Sunday, Jerry would settle-in and close his eyes. When accused of sleeping in church, he could quote the sermon name, sermon text, and the main headings of the sermon.

Joe, however just slept in church. As soon as he would begin breathing heavy, his wife would elbow him in the ribs. It was so obvious to the church and the pastor what was taking place that they began to watch Joe more than listen to God's message. I think they secretly had an office pool going on how long before Joe slept.

Sleeping in church has been around for centuries. In fact our lesson text is the story of a man named Eutychus and how he fell asleep in church.

Contextualize Acts 20:7-12.

Contextualize this sermon in the series.

I. The Cause of His Sleep – A Boring Preacher

You guys have figured out that the pastor will not hit a homerun every time he teaches from God's word.

- A) Limited abilities (2 Corinthians 10:10)
- B) Total Reliance (2 Corinthians 12:7b-9a)
- C) God Confidence (2 Corinthians 12: 9b-10)

II. The Danger of His Sleep – Missing God

- A) Missing God's message
- B) Missing God's manifestation
- C) Missing God's movement

III. The Result of His Sleep – God Glorified

- A) A Lesson in Restoration
- B) A Lesson in Confident Ministry
- C) A Lesson in God's Presence

Conclusion.