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Connect Group Sermon Aligned Discussion Guide.

Series Title: Acts in August – The Eutychus Generation
Key Scripture: Acts 20:6-12
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Date + Speaker: August 18, 2024 + Pastor Mark Scarr

Starter: Ever nodded off while someone spoke or had someone nod off while you spoke? Were you able to reignite their interest? How?

Discussion:

1. Eutychus fell out of church, and that resulted in physical death (v.9). Eutychus represents the next generation. Young people are falling out of church. How do we detect when we or someone we know might be sleeping and falling off to their spiritual death?

2. At the window, we are half in, leaning half-out into the world and the darkness. What can be pulling us away from the truth?

3. Deconstruction of the faith is one of the reasons for falling off.
   a. What biblical principles are being deconstructed?
   b. What is the difference between deconstruction and trying to relate the Gospel to our current realities and experiences?

4. Disappointment can make us fall off.
   a. How can we be disappointed in the church and the brethren?
   b. How might we disappoint and cause others to fall off?

5. Distractions could also cause us or others to fall off. What distractions could lure us away from the church and Jesus?

6. Eutychus could only find a seat by the window.
   How might we be excluding the next generation and other people from the table? How can we include others at the table?

7. We need to let the next generation know they matter. How might we reassure them that they matter to the church? Paul wrapped his arms around Eutychus (v. 10). How might we wrap our arms around the people who need to come in to church?

8. The people took him home alive (v. 12). It takes a church family to raise the next generation. How might we contribute to raising a church family and mentoring the next generation?

Diving Deeper:

9. Paul preached until midnight (Acts 20:7). This is almost midnight and a critical time for the Kingdom. What strategies might Satan use to get our next generation? How might we counter them?

10. There were many lamps (v. 8) for illumination and heat. How can we provide light and heat to make the church comforting without making us complacent? How might we reawaken the passion?

11. Paul went upstairs again and continued to ensure that the believers were grounded (v. 11). How might we keep our focus in doing God's work amidst many incidents happening around us?

Reflection/Prayer: Thank God for the grace to bring back the de-churched and speak life to the spiritually sleepy. Pray for God to help us support the brethren and not be a cause for their falling away.