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What to do When Your Dream Dies

USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

We have provided all the Scriptures referenced in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to facilitate a discussion.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together.

While the questions are important, remember your small group's goal is not to pound through the questions but to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships, so knock yourself out with the discussion questions but spend more time laughing than answering the questions.

[Acts 20:7-12 NLT]

"On the first day of the week, we gathered with the local believers to share in the Lord's Supper. Paul was preaching to them, and since he was leaving the next day, he kept talking until midnight. The upstairs room where we met was lighted with many flickering lamps. As Paul spoke on and on, a young man named Eutychus, sitting on the windowsill, became very drowsy. Finally, he fell sound asleep and dropped three stories to his death below. Paul went down, bent over him, and took him into his arms. "Don't worry," he said, "he's alive!" Then they all went back upstairs, shared in the Lord's Supper, and ate together. Paul continued talking to them until dawn, and then he left. Meanwhile, the young man was taken home alive and well, and everyone was greatly relieved."

What to do when your dream dies

1. Believe the right report
2. God does supernatural things at midnight
3. There is life after a fall

[Proverbs 24:16]

"The godly may trip seven times, but they will get up again..."

4. Believe in resurrection power

[Romans 8:11]

“The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, he will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you.”

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Share some of the dreams you had when you were younger
Have you ever experienced the death of a dream?
2. When a dream seems to have vanished why is it so difficult to believe there is still life in it? How can we encourage each other during the times when it seems the dream is gone?
3. Have you experienced the "midnight" miracle? Would anyone like to share?
4. Have you ever endured what seemed like the end of a dream only to see it revived and thriving again? How was it brought back to life?
5. Spend some time as a group praying over lost dreams and ask God to breath life back into them
6. End your group rejoicing over the dreams that are still alive and kicking in your lives.