

There are a lot of people in the bible that fell asleep at crucial times.

- **Sampson** fell asleep in Delilah’s lap.
- **Jonah** ran from God and was found sleeping in the bottom of a boat.
- The **shameful sons** in Proverbs who were sleeping thought the harvest.
- **Peter, James, and John** were sleeping when they were supposed to be praying with Jesus!
- And then there is **Eutychus**, the first person reported in scripture to fall asleep in church! Acts 20

Eutychus fell asleep as Paul was speaking! He fell asleep in church!

**He went from awake, to deep sleep, to dead, and then to life! Where are you in that cycle today?**

A lot of us are sleeping in church, not physically, but spiritually, or morally.

### **The Sleeping \_\_\_\_\_**

If the church wakes up, it will snap every chain and rope that binds!

We must wake up! We must stop keep sleeping through great opportunities and awake to God’s plan for us!

### **The \_\_\_\_\_ Alarm!**

**Ephesians 5:11-17 “Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”**

Next Step: I will take the 5:14 Challenge. I will set my clock for 5:14 a.m. and/or 5:14 p.m., wake up and pray, “Lord Jesus I love you. Wake me up to live with my spiritual eyes wide open, and Christ Jesus shine on me.”

### **Stages of Sleep**

- \_\_\_\_\_ I’ll do that later, I’m too tired to get involved.
- \_\_\_\_\_ A lack of interest. Aware of what God wants them to do but taking no action.
- \_\_\_\_\_ In and out for Jesus. Up and down like they are on a spiritual roller coaster.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sleeping Easily awakens. There is still hope.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sleep Unaware of what’s going on around them, not soberly watching.
- Spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ Mindlessly going through the rituals of religion and life in general.
- Spiritually \_\_\_\_\_ Having a form of Godliness but denying its power. (2 Timothy 3:5)

### **Are You Asleep? Asleep to \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus?**

### **Are You Asleep? Asleep to Knowing \_\_\_\_\_ for You?    Ephesians 2:10**

The devil’s favorite ploy is to get us to sleep because he wants us to be comfortable, he wants us to be relaxed.

*“We’re comforted by Christ. But we need to be uncomfortable for Him.” Ed Young*

Next Step: I will ask the Lord to wake me up to His purpose and plan for my life!

### **Are You Asleep? Asleep to \_\_\_\_\_?**

Your life is a seed for sowing. Whatever you sow you are going to reap!

Notice here in **Acts 20** that the disciples met together, the church met together on the first day of the week. Sunday. They understood the law of the First Fruits. Are you asleep to sowing?

Next Step: I will awake to sowing my firsts: my time, energy, talents, and resources and allow God to bless the rest!

### **Life App Group and Family Devotional Application**

1. In your own words, tell the story of Eutychus. Have you ever fallen asleep in church?
2. What did Pastor Scott compare the Big “C” church to? Agree or disagree? Explain your answer.
3. What is the 5:14 Alarm? How are you doing with the 5:14 Challenge?
4. What are the Seven Stages of Spiritual Sleep? Give an example of each.
5. What does it mean to be Asleep to Knowing Christ?
6. What does it mean to be Asleep to God’s Plan for You? How well do you know that plan for you?
7. What does it mean to be Asleep to Sowing?

Answers: Giant / 5:14 / Laziness – Daydreaming – Napping – Light – Sound – Coma – Dead / Knowing – Christ / God’s – Plan / Sowing