**Acts: Spirit. Mission. Drama.**

**Today: Gathering Expectations**

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Scripture: Acts 20

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1. Celebration

***Acts 20:7***

*On the first day of the week we came together to break bread.*

***Psalm 95:1, 2***

*1 Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD ;
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.
2 Let us come before him with thanksgiving
and extol him with music and song.*

***Psalm 47:1*** *Clap your hands, all you nations;
shout to God with cries of joy.*

1. Reflection

***Acts 20:7***

*On the first day of the week we came together to break bread.*

*“Do this in remembrance of me.” - Jesus*

1. Instruction

*7On the first day of the week we came together to break bread. Paul spoke to the people and, because he intended to leave the next day, kept on talking until midnight. 8There were many lamps in the upstairs room where we were meeting.*

*9Seated in a window was a young man named Eutychus, who was sinking into a deep sleep as Paul talked on and on. When he was sound asleep, he fell to the ground from the third story and was picked up dead.*

*10Paul went down, threw himself on the young man and put his arms around him. “Don’t be alarmed,” he said. “He’s alive!” 11Then he went upstairs again and broke bread and ate. After talking until daylight, he left.*

*12The people took the young man home alive and were greatly comforted.*

***Matthew 22:31-32***

*31But about the resurrection of the dead—have you not read what God said to you, 32‘I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob’? He is not the God of the dead but of the living.”*

1. Connection
2. Protection

*28Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood. 29I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock.*

*30Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them. 31So be on your guard! Remember that for three years I never stopped warning each of you night and day with tears.*

*32“Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.*

***2 Timothy 4:2-3***

*2Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. 3For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear.*

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