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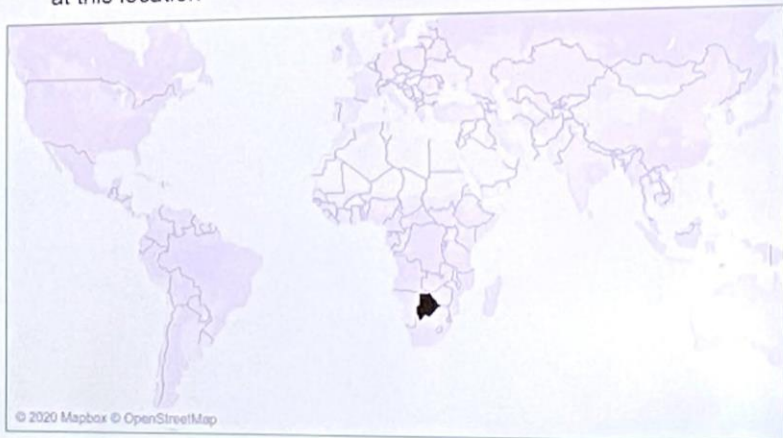
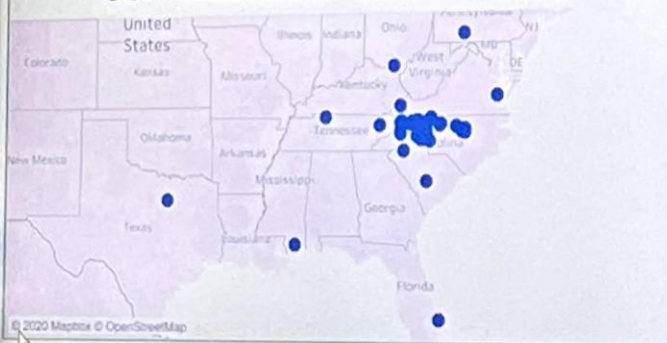
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GOD ABOVE ALL

A STUDY IN EPHESIANS

New walk

- 22 to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, 23 and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, 24 and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.
- Put off the old and put on the new creation by the renewing of your mind

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Acts 20:7-12

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7 On the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread, Paul talked with them, intending to depart on the next day, and he prolonged his speech until midnight. 8 There were many lamps in the upper room where we were gathered. 9 And a young man named Eutychus, sitting at the window, sank into a deep sleep as Paul talked still longer. And being overcome by sleep, he fell down from the third story and was taken up dead.

Acts 20:7-12

10 But Paul went down and bent over him, and taking him in his arms, said, "Do not be alarmed, for his life is in him." 11 And when Paul had gone up and had broken bread and eaten, he conversed with them a long while, until daybreak, and so departed. 12 And they took the youth away alive, and were not a little comforted.

The privilege

Acts 20:7 On the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread, Paul talked with them, intending to depart on the next day, and he prolonged his speech until midnight.

Imagine the feeling Paul must of had seeing these relatively new believers that had been influenced by his ministry take communion

Remember that each of us was dead in sin and unable to truly take communion until Christ made us alive

The privilege

1st Corinthians 11:23 For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, 24 and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

25 In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” 26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

The pattern

Acts 20:7 On the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread, Paul talked with them, intending to depart on the next day, and he prolonged his speech until midnight.

There is something special about gathering together to worship.

This is the earliest text where we can reasonably infer that this was the normal meeting day for the church

You never know what might happen at a church service

The pattern

Hebrews 10:24 And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, 25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

There is a vertical and horizontal dimension to our worship

We come to church not to be entertained but to worship and be encouraged and encourage others

The power

Acts 20:9 And a young man named Eutychus, sitting at the window, sank into a deep sleep as Paul talked still longer. And being overcome by sleep, he fell down from the third story and was taken up dead. 10 But Paul went down and bent over him, and taking him in his arms, said, "Do not be alarmed, for his life is in him."

The word *pais* in vs. 12 means a young boy from 8-14 and can also mean servant

The name Eutychus means "fortunate" or we may say lucky

God's power was and is ready to work for His people

The practice

- Listen humbly – we all need God's Word
- Listen intently – do whatever you have to stay engaged with the message
- Listen biblically – follow along and weigh what is taught
- Listen personally – listen for yourself
- Listen communally – the Spirit may give you a word or nugget from the sermon to encourage someone

The practice

- Listen missionally – don't just be a listener but be a doer
- Listen practically – think about what God is calling you to change in your life
- Listen gratefully – be thankful that God still speaks to his people

The plan

Acts 20:9 And a young man named Eutychus, sitting at the window, sank into a deep sleep as Paul talked still longer. And being overcome by sleep, he fell down from the third story and was taken up dead.

Be careful where you sit

Too many people want one foot in the world and one in the church

Too many people want to look back from where God has delivered them

If you keep looking back at the world it will lure you back to sleep

The plan

One thing that bothers me is that he sank into a deep sleep and nobody woke him up

We need accountability

Eutychus was missing out on important spiritual deposits

When it is the hardest for you to come to church that is when God has something for you.

The plan

Be careful where you sleep

Too many people are asleep in their marriage, the relationship with their kids and in their church.

Some of us are more awake to the world than we are to Christ

It is time to WAKE UP and hear the voice of God

A couple other examples of sleeping at the wrong time:

- Jonah Chapter 1- you want everyone else to fix the problem
- Matthew 26 – Don't be sleeping when you should be praying
- Mark 13 – Don't be asleep in life and miss your calling

reflection

- Are you truly alive? Its time for the dead man to rise! Let the light of God shine through you!
- Do you need to wake up?
- Is there someone that the Spirit is calling you to pray for or to reach out to?