

## Life Group Preparation Notes:

Hope has a Name: Next is Now.

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**Note for the facilitator:** Preparation for the Life Group is key for each person to be engaging and vulnerable and to grow. Remember that we don't have to answer all the questions in the material. Allow the Holy Spirit to lead you as you prepare for the group time. Be aware of vulnerable sharing and the recurring theme or phrase during the evening as you are prompted by the Holy Spirit.

**Worship and Prayer:** Listen to the song "King of Kings" by Hillsong Worship. As you listen to the words of the song, pray back to God a phrase that stood out to you.

**Check-in:** What has become clearer to you since we last met?

**Purpose for the session:** To be responsive to life-giving opportunities.

**Bible readings:** Acts 20:7-12; Philippians 2:3-4

### **Group Discussion:**

1. Note that Eutychus was in the right place listening to Paul preach and at the right time, but still fell asleep. How is this possible?
2. Paul's first response to this incident was to stop what he was doing and prioritize helping Eutychus. Read Philippians 2:3-4. How may this apply to you personally in your life?
3. What could you do to position yourself to be closer to people who are in need and to care for them like Paul did?
4. We were encouraged to seize the day (Carpe Diem) as the harvest is ripe. What does this mean to you in your circumstances?  
Is there some action you've been delaying which would be life-giving to someone else?
5. The sermon title is "Next is Now". In what ways are the teenagers of our church the church of today, rather than only the church of tomorrow?

### **Check out and prayer time:**

Pray back to God one thing He's spoken to you about from this sermon and ask Him to help you to act on it.

### **Others:**

In Mark 3, we read that Jesus "notices a man...". In the Gospels we read that Jesus kept "noticing" people in need. Watch for life giving opportunities to connect with those you are "noticing" in the coming week.

### **Going deeper during the week:**

Journal what you are "noticing" about people as you spend time in God's Word. Take time to pray for those people by name and as God leads you.