

“Wake Up To Growth!”

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As long as you're alive you are either _____ or
you are _____.

What's the problem?

- Many of us want to grow, but we _____.
- All of us want to live a full, free life because that's how we were _____. (John 10.10)

So how do we get “unstuck”?

- We can only get that life if we _____ to Jesus. (John 15.5)
- Staying connected to Jesus produces _____ we want to see in all areas of our lives.
- So how do we stay connected to Jesus?
- A key way to do that is by _____, because it all points to Jesus. (Luke 24.27)

So why don't we read the Bible?

1. “I don't know _____.”

If you don't know where to start find a _____
_____ to help you. (Download YouVersion
App or go to youversion.com for a huge selection of
plans).

2. “The Bible is too _____.”

Focus on passages
_____ and start there—
skip over the confusing stuff for now until you have
the resources you need to dig into them. Don't get
discouraged, get started.

3. “The Bible _____.”

All Scripture is _____, but
some parts of it apply to the rubber-meets-the-road
struggles of our lives
_____.

So if your Bible reading is boring, you're probably
_____. Find a
reading plan, get involved in a group study, get the
training you need to know where to go.

4. “I'm just _____.”

We all _____ for what _____
_____.

What do I need to do this week to focus on what matters most?

Talk it over...with your friends, family, or Growth Group.

Talking through the ideas presented in Sunday's message helps us apply God's word to our individual lives. These questions are designed to help you put His words into action in your life this week.

- Where do you feel stuck in life? How do you think you got there?
- What have you found to be the most meaningful ways that you can connect with Jesus?
- Which of the reasons that people give for not reading the Bible do you most identify with? Is reading the Bible easy for you or is it a struggle? What can you do about that?
- What steps do you feel like you need to take to be better equipped to read the Bible for yourself? (Remember—you can do it, we can help).
- Why do you think God had you here today? How did you encounter Him during the service?
- What questions did today's service raise for you? Where can you go to find answers?

Next step: Here is something you can do this week to dig deeper:

- If you haven't done it before, head to www.youversion.com and check out what they offer in terms of Bibles and reading plans. If you have a smartphone, head to the App Store and just search for "Bible," and their app will be one of the first to come up. It's published by Lifechurch.tv if that helps you identify it so you download the right one.
- Next Sunday we're addressing the topic "Wake Up to the World," and we are excited to have Andy Hein come and speak at both

services. Andy works for an organization called International Justice Mission, and they are helping lead the fight against modern-day slavery. Make plans now to join us, and be sure to invite a friend to hear about it. Lots of folks who have no interest in church are interested in learning how they can help fight injustice.

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