

# “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](http://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](http://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.

