

STUDY GUIDE

RIGHT WITH GOD

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[set up]

Ask your group members to share about a time when they overslept and it caused embarrassment... or maybe something worse!

Ask your group members to share about a time when they found themselves in a situation when they were underdressed or dressed in PJ's.

[digging deeper]

What is it about the time ("salvation is nearer") that ought to motivate both our love for others and our holiness of life?

Re-read Romans 13:8-14. Discuss which parts of the text support the main points of the weekend's message.

Joe lives love... while Bo lacks love.

Joe fulfills the law... while Bo forgets the law.

Joe anticipates eternity... while Bo dreads eternity.

Joe walks properly... while Bo walks immorally.

Joe displays Christ... while Bo displays the flesh.

Make a list of characteristics of Sleep-walking Bo - a person who dreads eternity - and a list of characteristics of Wide-awake Joe - a person who anticipates eternity. Practically speaking, what might that look like in today's world?

Read 1 Thessalonians 5:1-8. What does it mean in practical terms for a Christian to live in the light - in the daytime - in a sober manner?

Read Revelation 3:1-3 and discuss why the church in Sardis needed a wake-up call. Ask, "Do you think God thinks that our works are complete?" Write down a list of all the commands in Revelation 3:2-3. Practically speaking, what would obeying these commands look like for you today? How can the warning in verse 3 serve as a motivator for us all?

Look up the following "put off" and "put on" verses: Romans 13:13-14, Colossians 3:9-10, and Ephesians 4:22-24. How does this terminology connect with the whole idea of a wake-up call? How can we make this image of putting off and putting on come alive and be helpful in our daily lives?

[living it out]

Reconsider the main points of this week's study:

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Which of these points is a possible strength for you? Which of these points brings the most conviction to your life? What are one or two things you can do to grow?

Note: To help you heed the wake up call, please mark your calendar for "The Unbelievable Gospel" training on Saturday morning, October 24th - our next equipping day. We will learn how to share the Gospel to people of different faith backgrounds.

Close this time in prayer and pray for the content of this study guide and your New Life 10|24 names.