

Small Group Guide

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The Wake Up Call



Icebreaker



- What's the craziest or most elaborate alarm clock setup you can imagine that would force you out of bed?
- Share a story about a time you slept through your alarm or overslept for something important.



Discussion



- Where are you feeling that tension between safety or comfort and truly being transformed by Christ?
- Consider where you have grown as a disciple, particularly in making other disciples. How would you evaluate your growth in this area? What steps can you take to be more intentional about discipling others?
- Share about a time when you stepped out of your comfort zone and took a risk for God. How did it impact your faith?
- What are some "comfortable nests" in your life that God might be calling you to step out of?
- Reflect on the statement: "Jesus Christ went far beyond inconvenience and discomfort for you." How does this truth motivate you to live a life of bold faith and sacrificial love for Him?
- What's one area where you know what to do, but struggle to put it into practice?
- What are some practical ways we can fight against apathy and keep taking bold next steps in our faith?



Thought for the Group



It's so easy for spiritual complacency and indifference to creep in. We can find ourselves just going through the motions of church and faith out of habit rather than whole-hearted devotion. The Bible describes this as being "lukewarm" - neither hot with passion for God, nor rejecting Him completely. And Jesus says this lukewarm, indifferent attitude makes Him want to vomit (Revelation 3:16)! God doesn't want us just casually going through the motions. He wants us vitally awake and actively pursuing Him.

In the same way as the mother eagle creates an uncomfortable nest when her babies get bigger, God lovingly disrupts our comfort zones so we won't just settle there. He pokes and prods at the areas we've become spiritually indifferent so we'll wake up, get unstuck, and soar in the fullness of following Him with bold faith. This might look like getting baptized, giving generously, or serving others. It means not just learning more but actually putting that knowledge into courageous obedience. The core question is: will we remain in the comfort of the nest? Or will we take that leap of faith to truly soar?

Jesus didn't stay in the comfort of heaven but gave up everything to reach us. It's time to stop hitting snooze on our spiritual development and shake off complacency. God has so much more for us than a lukewarm life!



Next Steps



- What is one area of your life where you know what God wants you to do, but you've lacked the courage or discipline to obey? Write out a prayer asking God to give you the strength to move from just knowing to doing.
- Make a plan to obey one thing you know God has been calling you to do but you've been disobeying or putting off.