

# STUDY GUIDE FOR WHAT NOW?

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*This study guide breaks the book What Now? Taking The Next Step in Your Walk With Christ by Kit Sublett, into seven lessons. Each lesson assumes that those in the study have read the chapters each lesson covers.*

*You might want to cover more than one lesson each time you get together with your group, depending on time considerations.*

*The questions are merely suggestions, of course, and represent a starting point for good discussion amongst your group. Your time will be enhanced if you add to the lessons your own questions, as well as appropriate passages from Scripture.*

*May God bless you and your friends as you get together and consider, What now?*

## LESSON ONE: INTRODUCTION (covers Chapter 1 and Chapter 2)

*Chapter 1: Christian or Disciple?*

1. What is the difference, according to the author, between being a Christian and being a disciple?
2. Are all Christians disciples?
3. The author gives two reasons for following Christ in this chapter. What are they?
4. What was Jesus' point in asking for a denarius?
5. What "gods" are you putting in place of God?

*Chapter 2: I've Fallen and I Can't Get Up!*

1. Why is "repentance" important in our relationships with other people? How does this principle apply to our relationship with God?
2. What is the difference between "becoming a Christian" and "restoring the relationship"?
3. Why is repenting the first step in becoming a disciple?
4. What are the consequences for not repenting?

5. What keeps you from telling God you're sorry?

## **LESSON TWO: PRAYER (covers Chapter 3 and Chapter 4)**

### *Chapter 3: God Answers Prayer*

1. How have you experienced the power of prayer in your life?
2. Who was George Müller and how is his life an example of the power of prayer?
3. How did the Lord answer the author's prayer about the playoff basketball game?

### *Chapter 4: Peanuts and Continents*

1. What makes it difficult for you to pray?
2. What are some benefits of keeping a prayer list?
3. What are the three ways God answers prayer?
4. What does the chapter's title, "Peanuts and Continents," refer to?
5. How does righteousness fit into our prayer life?

## **LESSON THREE: STUDYING THE BIBLE AND HAVING A QUIET TIME (covers Chapter 5, Chapter 6, and Chapter 7)**

### *Chapter 5: Maybe I Should Just Learn Greek*

1. How does the author say we are like the little boys who cooked breakfast for their mom?
2. Sublett says "God has not given us *all* the answers in the Bible, but in it He has revealed to us everything that we *need* to know." What does that mean to you?
3. What are the marks of a good Bible translation?
4. Do you like the Bible translation you are currently using? Why or why not?

### *Chapter 6: Learning How To Read (the Bible)*

1. Kit says we should read the Bible like any other book, and also *not* like any other book. What does he mean?
2. What order does he say you should read the New Testament?
3. What's the most important habit to develop when it comes to understanding

Scripture? (Hint: see bottom of page 49.)

4. How does prayer help us understand God's Word?

5. What are some benefits to memorizing Scripture?

*Chapter 7: Marching Orders*

1. What is a "quiet time"?

2. Explain the Larry Bird example that Sublett uses.

3. Review the five suggestions the author gives for having a quiet time.

4. How long should your quiet time be?

#### **LESSON FOUR: SHARING YOUR FAITH (covers Chapter 8)**

*Chapter 8: Sharing Your Faith*

1. What is the "Golden Rule of Evangelism"? Who was instrumental in you beginning a relationship with Christ?

2. What is the lesson of the parable of the sower and how does it relate to sharing our faith?

3. Why is prayer so important to witnessing?

4. Why is it important to talk about Christ in a natural way?

5. What are some places you can invite your non-Christian friends to hear about Jesus?

6. What makes sharing your faith scary or difficult for you? How can we get over those objections?

#### **LESSON FIVE: FELLOWSHIP, CHURCH, AND WORSHIP (covers Chapter 9 and Chapter 10)**

*Chapter 9: Burning Embers*

1. What is the burning embers illustration and what does it mean?

2. When is a time that you have experienced "being cold" in your faith due to lack of fellowship?

3. How has fellowship been important in your own life?

4. What does Kit mean by “day-to-day” fellowship?
5. How does fellowship help in evangelism?

*Chapter 10: More Than Entertainment*

1. Why are there no perfect churches?
2. What do you like/dislike about church?
3. Why should we be active in church?
4. How does Romans 12:1 define worship?
5. In addition to singing, what constitutes worship?

**LESSON SIX: GIVING, HEROES, AND CULTURE (covers Chapter 11, Chapter 12, and Chapter 13)**

*Chapter 11: You Can't Out-give God*

1. What was the point of the story about Dawson Trotman?
2. How is God's calculator different from ours?
3. What did the story Kit shared about the two donors—one large and one small—illustrate?
4. When should you begin to give?
5. Why should we give?

*Chapter 12: Have a Hero (or Two)*

1. Who has been important in your spiritual development so far? What are some qualities of theirs that you admire?
2. Kit says there are two types of heroes. What are they?
3. How can we learn from our heroes?
4. How should we react if someone we admire fails?

*Chapter 13: Christ and Culture*

1. Why should knowing Christ make a difference in how we interact with popular culture?
2. Sublett says this topic is difficult. Is it for you?

3. Is America becoming more or less moral in your opinion?
4. What does “garbage in, garbage out” mean?
5. What are some of the questions Kit suggests you ask about your interaction with popular culture?

**LESSON SEVEN: SERVE, READ, MINISTER (covers Chapter 14, Chapter 15, Chapter 16, and the Epilogue)**

*Chapter 14: Putting Others First*

1. What does Jesus say in Mark 10:45 and what does it mean?
2. According to the passage from Matthew 25 quoted on page 102, how do we serve God?
3. What are some reasons we should serve others?
4. What are some practical ways you can serve others?
5. Can you think of an example where someone has served you?

*Chapter 15: Read This Chapter (and a whole lot more)*

1. Do you like to read? If so, why? If not, why not?
2. What are some reasons we should read Christian literature?
3. What was the point of the story Kit told of Chuck Colson?
4. What are the three types of reading Sublett suggests we should do?
5. What has been your favorite book? What has been the most influential?

*Chapter 16: Give Yourself Away*

1. How does giving yourself away in ministry to others help you?
2. What was one of the keys to Henrietta Mears’ ministry, according to the author?
3. What are some ministry opportunities that interest you?
4. What are “spiritual gifts”?

*Epilogue: A Little Math to End On*

1. What does John 3:30 say, and what are some practical ways to make it happen in your own life?