

<p>becoming spiritually alive</p>		<p>30 April</p>
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spiritually | physically | relationally | emotionally | financially

<p>key passages Proverbs 13:20 Habakkuk 2:4 Matthew 7:7-11 John 15:1-5 2 Timothy 2:8 2 Peter 2 1 John 3:1</p>
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Talking through the biblical text during the week helps turn what God is saying into action steps. Here are some key questions to start.

- What questions and comments do you have about the sermon and supporting texts?
- This week we are looking at becoming **Fully Alive**: spiritually. When you hear this, what comes to mind? What encourages you or scares you about this? Why?
- What have you done in the last week that has helped you become more **fully alive** in an area of your life?

Read **2 Peter 1:3-11**

- What word(s) or phrase(s) stands out to you?
- Peter is writing to discouraged, weighed down Christians. What do you do (how do you respond) when you get down?
- Peter highlights the following (interconnected) ways out of discouragement and depression:

We need to...	Scripture
...own up to our condition	2 Peter 1:8
...connect up with God's provision	2 Peter 1:3-4
...understand God's blessings	2 Peter 1:9
...sign up for God's way of growth	2 Peter 1:5-7
...join up with God's people	Proverbs 13:20

- What does it mean for us as followers of Jesus to be *"ineffective and unproductive"*? Why are the words *"ought"* and *"should"* so dangerous? How do we counter that? What is the opposite of *ineffective and unproductive*? What does that look like?
- What is God's provision? What has God given us? Who are we in Christ? Read **John 15:1-5**. What does this say about God's provision?
- Mike said that *"cultivating a good memory"* is important in *"becoming spiritually alive."* In what way is this true? Share some examples (both +ve & -ve) from the Bible and from your life.
- Some may resist Peter's language in v5 *"make every effort"*. In what way(s) is this not going contrary to grace? What does it mean to *"make every effort"*? What does this look like?
- In what sense is the Christian life a **Fight** (title of book by Dr White)?
- Why is it so important to connect with other followers of Jesus? Why is it so difficult to go it alone when it comes to growing in Christ?
- What choices are you making that will change you, your family, OCC, Orillia and area, our world, over the next few weeks?