

1. What's something you've "woken up late" to? Maybe it was a trend, a new tech gadget, or a literal morning alarm—how did it feel realizing you were behind?

2. Read **Romans 13:11-14**.

Paul tells us to **"wake up"** because our salvation is nearer now than ever before. How aware are you of the "time" Paul is talking about? In what ways do you think we might be "asleep" in our faith today?

What's one area of your life where you sense God calling you to wake up and live more intentionally?

Paul talks about the need to **"clean up"** our lives. He mentions things like jealousy, quarreling, and sinful behaviors that pull us away from God. Why do you think it's sometimes easier to focus on obvious sins rather than things like jealousy or division?

What's one "deed of darkness" you find yourself needing to let go of? How can the group support you in that?

Paul tells us to **"suit up,"** putting "on the armor of light" and to "clothing ourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ."

In your own words, what does it mean to "put on Christ" each day? What's one practical way you can remind yourself to live in Christ's love and character daily?

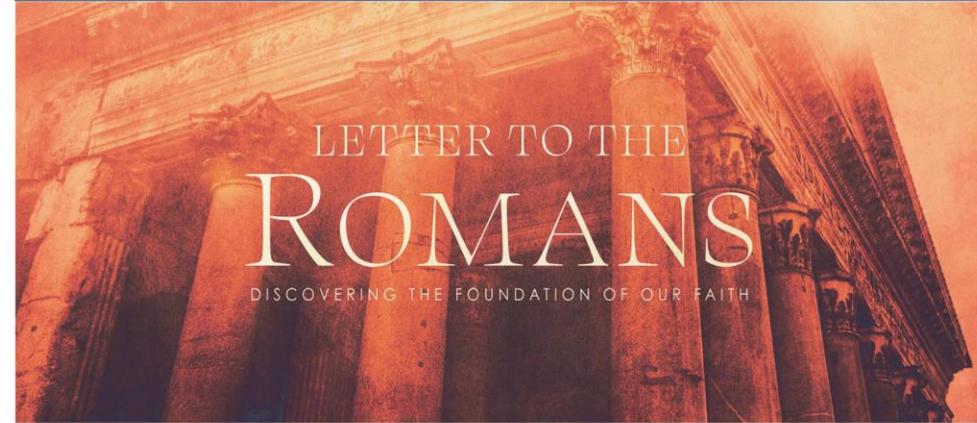
Paul contrasts living for the flesh with living in the Spirit. What's an example of when your "flesh" wants to pull you one way, but God is calling you to go another way?

How can we encourage each other this week to live in a way that reflects Jesus rather than just satisfying our own desires?

3. Paul emphasizes urgency.

If you were fully aware that Jesus might return soon, what would you change about how you live? What would you start doing, stop doing, or focus more on? How can our group help each other live with that same sense of urgency and purpose?

4. Ultimately, what's one area of your life where you need to "wake up," clean up, or suit up for Christ? What's a small step you can take this week to begin moving in that direction?



NEW TO NORTHAMPTON?

We're glad you're here! Take a moment to fill-out a **Connection Card** and let us know more about you. If you have children or teens, we have great, safe options for Children's & Student Ministry! Complete info can be found at: www.NBchurchCF.org!

MESSAGE SERIES

TODAY'S MESSAGE:
ROMANS 13:11-14

NEXT SUNDAY:
ROMANS 14:1-12

WORSHIP ORDER

THE JOY

WELCOME

GREETING

GOODNESS OF GOD

OFFERING

IT IS WELL

MESSAGE

COMMUNION

TURN YOUR EYES

SEND OFF AND PRAYER

CLASSES & LIFE GROUPS

SUNDAYS

Young Adults Class
Room 203

The Gospel According to John Study
Room 201 | 9:15am

WEDNESDAYS – 6pm
NBStudents (Grades 6-12)
Kidstown (Age 4-5th Grade)
(NO Kidstown the last Wednesday of the month)

WEDNESDAYS

6:30 pm
Ladies Bible Study

THURSDAYS
7:00PM
Men's Bible Study

VARIOUS DAYS
LIFE Groups
Real-Life Discipleship

NEXT STEPS

Info coming soon!

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UPCOMING AT NORTHAMPTON

WELCOME!

We're glad you have decided to join us online or in-person! We want you to know that you are welcome here! Please take the time to fill out our online Connection Card and down-load the Church Center App to stay connected! Thanks for joining in!

CHURCH CENTER APP

Interested in joining a team, a LIFE Group or signing up for an event? Download the **Church Center App** (from your app store), choose **Northampton** as your church, and you are all set!

SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER – 8:30

If you would like to take part in praying for Sunday mornings and each other, join us in the Café.

CARE MINISTRY

If you, or someone you know, has a need for prayer, meals, visitation, or other assistance, please fill out a request card located at the back of the church and drop it in the collection basket or email your request to help@nbchurchcf.org.

The Care Team needs your help.

We need volunteers to occasionally fill empty slots on the Take Them a Meal program. You can purchase a meal from anywhere and have it delivered or deliver it yourself, e.g., Bob Evans, Boston Market, pizza, etc. Please contact Deb McGuinness, Meal Coordinator with your contact info at dmcg309@gmail.com

PRAYER CHAIN

If you are interested in joining Northampton's prayer chain, please contact **Marcia Peters** at care@nbchurchcf.org

MERCY FUND - If you would like to contribute to this fund to help families in need, please select that option in the Church Center App, or indicate on an envelope when you give this morning.

PARKING LOT FUND

If you feel God is directing you to give towards this fund, please mark "parking lot" on your form of giving (check, envelope or online) and it will go toward this project.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES IS IN NEED OF \$5 GIFT CARDS

to McDonalds, Handels or Dairy Queen to be used for the "Ball Toss" the children do each month.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

We are collecting donations for the **Packing Party** scheduled for **November 3** following the Morning Service. **Items needed:** Toothbrushes, Washcloths, Pens, Markers, Pencils, Books, Notepads and/or Coloring Books, Small toys, Yo-Yos, Musical Toys (harmonicas, flutes, Bells). **A donation box is in the foyer.**

MENS BREAKFAST

Saturday, October 12, 8:00

FALL FEST - OCTOBER 20

Volunteers and Trunkers needed!

If interested, please sign up in the foyer or Church Center App. See Bethany Wlotzko with any questions.

Food Donations Needed!

Food needs are posted in the foyer. Take a post-it note with the items you want to provide and bring them back to the church on Sunday, October 13.

Coat Collection - We are collecting coats for kids to pass out during the Fall Fest. A display board is in the foyer with post-it notes indicating what sizes are needed. Please bring coats back to the church by October 13.

NBSTUDENTS WINTER RETREAT

NBStudents will be attending **Beulah Beach's WinterWave Retreat January 27-29**. This event is open for all students grade 6-12. For more information, check out the registrations page in the church center app.

MESSAGE NOTES

Pastor Joe Pryor

Passage: Romans 13:11-14

Christ followers need to recognize the times and live as children of light in a dark world.

In order to live as Children of Light, Christ followers need to:

1. _____ **up!** Romans 13:11

2. _____ **up!** Romans 13:12-13

3. _____ **up!** Romans 13:14