

# The Way Introduction

## Preparing for The Way (Part 2)

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### BIG Idea

Last week we began our introduction to our one-year series, The Way.

Today we will be showing you *Five Action Steps* for making the most of it.



### Information (What We Need to Know)

#### Five Actions Steps to The Way...

##### STEP #1: Sunday Sermons

**Acts 2:42 (ESV)** And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching...

✓ **Attend 41 Sunday Teachings** (there is a path forward)

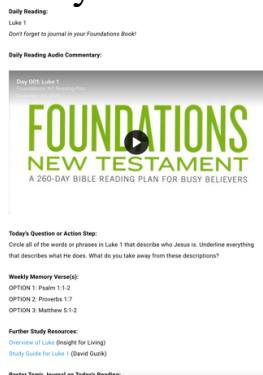
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✓ **Take Notes on Teachings** (helps with engagement)

✓ **Kids/Students Alignment** (helps the church to be united in our efforts)

##### STEP #2: Spiritual Habits

✓ **Daily Online Guidance for Readings**



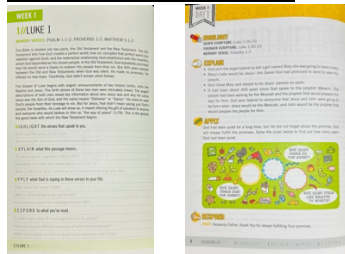
- ✓ **Read One Bible Chapter a Day** (online/print copies at [thesummit.life/theway](http://thesummit.life/theway))  
**Psalm 1:1 (ESV)** Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; **2** but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night.

- *Delight* (changing appetite; consistency; ideal vs. reality)
- *Meditate*

“Exercising serious and affectionate thoughtfulness about it; and by this delighting in it. What we love, we love to think of.” – Bensen Commentary

- ✓ **Journal in Foundations Book (HEAR Method)**

Adult Kids



- **HIGHLIGHT** - What verse(s) stood out to you in your reading?
- **EXPLAIN** - What is the author’s intended meaning in context of the verses?
- **APPLY** - What is the principle to live by today?
- **RESPOND** - How will I respond to the application in my relationships and/or situations this week?



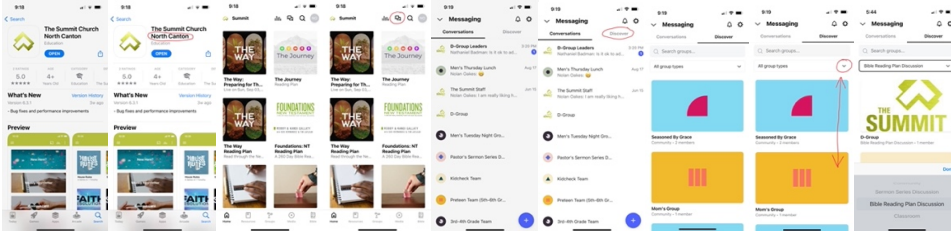
- ✓ **Read and/or Listen to Book Commentary** (brief explanation of chapter for day)
- ✓ **Memorize Verse** (Bible Memory App or notecards)
- ✓ **Further Study Resources** (Enduring Word/David Guzik; Tom’s Journals)
- ✓ **Family Discipleship** (work in your home to learn and apply together)

### STEP #3: Small Groups

**Acts 2:46 (ESV)** And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, **47** praising God and having favor with all the people.

- ✓ Join an Established Group  
 Check out our **app** for available groups and connect with others (messaging walkthrough)
  - Women’s groups

- Men's groups
- Sermon series groups
- Reading Plan groups
- Book study groups
- Community Groups
- Classrooms
- D-Groups



- ✓ Form Your Own Group
  - ✓ We may not have what you are looking for, that's ok! You can always start your own group
  - ✓ We don't need to facilitate every bible study or discussion group that meets. Some of the groups that have been running well around here were started organically.

■ **STEP #4: Serving Others** (Volunteer in a Ministry Area at Least Once a Month) **Acts 2:42 (ESV)** And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship [*participation, sharing, partnership*]...

- ✓ Fellowship means that we are in this *together*. (*Participation, Sharing, Partnership*)
- ✓ It isn't always *convenient*, but it is always *impactful*.
  - VOM - I am reminded how very small I am and how very *insignificant* my inconveniences are.
  - You cannot read a story of a man who smuggles Bibles into a foreign country at night knowing full well that He will be killed if he is caught, and then complain about getting to church 30 minutes early to serve on a team.
  - *It is nothing less than a sheer joy and privilege to serve my God and King, Inconveniences, and all!*
- ✓ Every area matters
  - Pantry, Parking, Greeters, Coffee, Safety, Worship, Sound, Lighting, Cameras, Kidcheck, Nursery, Toddlers, Preschool, K-2nd Grade, 3rd-4th Grade, 5th-6th Grade, Climb Youth
  - "Parking cars, or shaking hands, or holding babies doesn't make an impact like delivering Bibles" - YES IT DOES

**1 Corinthians 12:14 (ESV)** For the body does not consist of one member but of many. **15** If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. **16** And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. **17** If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? **18** But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose.

- Everybody has something they can contribute, and nobody’s contribution is more significant than another’s.
- Most of you are serving - that is truly something to be proud of
- **\*\*There are legitimate reasons not to serve - please do not feel attacked if you are one of those people.\*\***

✓ **Food for thought: What if I told you** You could serve in multiple departments on the same Sunday **and still attend a service**

- Pantry team, Parking lot, coffee team, greeters, and kidcheck all take place **before/after** service begins/ends and do not conflict with attending service. We can and have worked it out.
- **3rd-4th, 5th-6th, and Climb Youth** all take place after the worship songs are over.

■ **STEP #5: Send** (Every member a minister of the Gospel) This step will grow with us throughout the year, but for now, PRAY...

- That God will **open your eyes** to see people around you as He does
- That God will **open your mouth** to speak the truth, and begin having conversations with your neighbors and coworkers about Him
- That God will **open their ears** to receive His message when you speak faithfully