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Uses For This Book

On Your Own. You can go through this book by yourself. If you do, tell at least one other person what you discover.

One-on-One. You can meet with the friend who led you to Christ, getting together at least once a week to grow together.

Group Study. You can use this book with a group. The group should meet six different times. You can meet more than once a week if you like.

G E T T I N G S T A R T E D S E S S I O N 1

What
Happened
When I
Accepted
Christ?

What person do you most enjoy being around? Why are you so close to that person? Because you like each other and know each other well. The better you know and like someone, the more comfortable you feel with him or her. But you had to meet that person and then spend time together in order to get to know each other.

When you received Jesus Christ, you met Him for the first time. Now you have the privilege of getting to know Him. The more time you spend with Him, just like with any other person, the better you will know Him and the more comfortable you will feel around Him. You want to gain confidence in your new relationship with Jesus.

The first step in getting to know Jesus better is to understand your relationship. As you answer the important questions below, write down what you think happened to you when you accepted Jesus.

What did Jesus Christ do for you when you accepted Him?

How are you different now that you have received Christ?

How can you have confidence that Jesus lives in your life?

How do you feel about that?

Now let's see how God answers these questions in the Bible. Before you read the answers provided, write what you discover in your own words.



What did Jesus Christ do for you when you accepted Him? Read John 1:12.

When you asked Jesus to come into your life, you became a child of God. You can experience a close relationship with God that only a child of God can have. But your relationship with God is even closer than a father/child relationship because Jesus actually lives inside of you. You have His constant companionship.



What makes you different from a person who has not accepted Christ? Read 2 Corinthians 5:17.

The moment you accepted Christ you became an entirely new person. You might look, feel and even act like you used to, but the Bible says you are completely new and different. Your old selfish desires and attitudes are being replaced by new Christ-like desires and attitudes. What are some of the changes that you see in your life already? (This is a good question to ask yourself every week.)

How can you be sure that Jesus is in your life? Read 1 John 5:11-13.



Since you accepted Jesus, you have the Son and you have life. You can be confident of that because God has promised. Your confidence is not in yourself, but in Jesus Christ.

How important are your feelings? Read John 10:27-30.



You have started the most exciting adventure a person can experience — a personal relationship with Jesus. He wants you to know Him and to enjoy Him. He will guide you, protect you, and help you to grow in your relationships. Your only responsibilities are to

PRAYER TIP:

Prayer is simply talking to God. Don't worry about saying the "perfect" words. He is more concerned with your attitude than with your words.

spend time with Him, to trust Him, and to obey Him. You may feel excited, or you may not feel any different. Either way, don't worry.

Feelings are tricky. Your feelings will go up and down. But your faith is based on facts. So rather than rely on your feelings, you must rely on the facts in the promises of the Bible. No matter how you feel, Christ always remains faithful to you.

Right now, thank Jesus for what He has done for you and for your new relationship with Him.



Summarize your prayer here:



MOVING OUT

-> Read back over all of your answers and write down any questions you want to ask.

-> List the three most important areas of your life (parents, studies, friends, sports, etc.)
Describe how your new relationship with Christ will make a difference in each area.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

*He who has the
Son has life; he
who does not
have the Son of
God does not
have life.*

Memory Verse:
1 John 5:12