

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: HOW TO ENTER IN AND STAY AWAKE

Let me give you five practical, actionable steps you can take this week to enter God's rest and stay awake to His glory:

1. RESPOND TODAY

Hebrews 3:7-8: “**TODAY** if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts.”

Whatever God is speaking to you about right now—do it today. Not tomorrow. Not next week. Today.

You're hearing His voice right now. So what are you going to do about it?

Action step: Before you leave this building, write down one thing God spoke to you today. Then do it. Today.

2. GET IN COMMUNITY

Hebrews 3:13: “But encourage one another **day after day**, as long as it is still called 'Today.'“

You cannot do this alone. You need other believers. You need people who will push you, challenge you, encourage you, and hold you accountable.

Action step: If you're not in a small group, join one this week. If you're in a small group but you're inconsistent, commit to showing up every single week.

3. REPENT QUICKLY

The moment you realize you've sinned, receive Grace and turn away from it.

The moment you catch yourself in unbelief, deal with it. The moment you recognize disobedience, repent.

Don't let it pile up. Don't let it accumulate. Don't let sin get a foothold.

Action step: End every day with a quick check-in with God. “Lord, is there anywhere I got it wrong today?” Repent (do something different). Receive forgiveness. Wake up clean.

4. PRAY DAILY

This is non-negotiable: Everyone, Everyday, Everywhere. I suggest 30 minutes a day. Every day. But at least start with 5-10 minutes.

Not just asking for stuff. Entering His presence. Worshiping Him. Listening to Him. Resting in Him.

Action step: Set an alarm. Put it on your calendar. Schedule it like it's the most important appointment of your day—because it is.

5. STAY HUMBLE AND TEACHABLE

Even when you're experiencing God's presence, stay humble.

Even when you're seeing His glory, stay teachable. Even when you're in the right place, keep listening. God will speak to you through His Word and when you're not listening, through other believers.

Because you can be in God's presence and still get it wrong like Peter did. So, stay soft. Stay open. Keep your ears tuned to His voice.

Action step: Every time you pray, start by saying, “Lord, teach me. Show me. Correct me. I'm listening.”