

Awaken Tijuana - Pray Serve Give

Blessing Bags - October 1 Packing Party 10 am in Worship Center Lobby

Mission Trip - Go and serve! Be part of the event! Trip closes Sept 30 don't miss your opportunity to have your life changes as you minister to others!

40 Days - please make the commitment to pray and fast with us for the Awaken Event. Scan QR code to sign up to get the content Pastor Derek wrote to guide you through. You can choose to receive reminders for 7 weeks via email or text!

How You can **Serve** at our Awaken Tijuana Event



AWAKEN TIJUANA MISSION TRIP

\$75 DOWN PAYMENT

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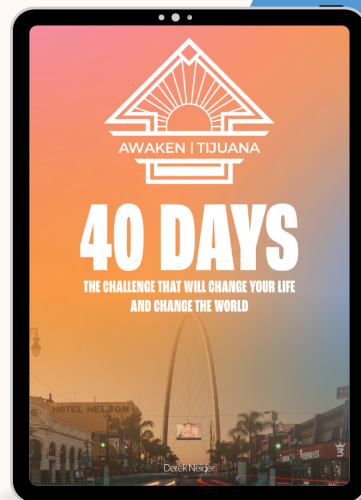
WE PRAY SERVE GIVE

JOIN US

and commit to 40 days of
prayer and fasting

SIGN UP TODAY

to get your welcome information (via email or text).
With weekly content, prayers, and updates about the
event each week!



ENCOUNTER JESUS

Week 5 | The Creator of Joy | John 2:1-12

HUMAN PROBLEMS BECOME AN OPPORTUNITY FOR DIVINE REVELATION

The time had finally come. Humans had become so arrogant that they decided they had evolved beyond God. So, a representative from the Society of Naturalists was chosen to tell God He was, unfortunately, no longer needed. The naturalist approached God and said, "Sorry to say God, we don't need you anymore. We can do everything you can. We can create life, control weather, and divide atoms. Everything." God said, "You think so? Let's have a little contest. If you can create life like I can, from dirt, then You're right. You don't need me anymore." "Ok, you're on!" said the man. He immediately bent down and picked up a handful of dirt and started to shape it. "Not so fast." said God. "Get your own dirt!"

While we laugh at the scenario, we can with all seriousness say, God is the only one who can create something from nothing. One of the greatest demonstrations of this is in the beautiful story of Jesus turning water to wine. Not only did He create new atoms and elements but he formed them into the symbol of joy and the symbol of the new covenant, new wine. This unassuming sign abounds with significance concerning who Jesus is and how He touches our lives.

Leaders: Take your group through each section: **Pray, Reflect, and Reach.** Keep in mind the time allowances. In the **Reflect** section, feel free to focus on several of these questions instead of all as time allows.



PRAY (10 min)

As a Life Group, take time to reflect and pray over this weekend's message. Pray for renewed joy in your life because of Jesus and all of the blessings He has graciously given to you.



REFLECT (25 min)

As you've had the opportunity to reflect on what God has spoken to you through the lesson this week, consider these questions as a group and discuss them.

1. Have everyone in the group share one Biblical story of how God took a human problem and turned it into an opportunity to reveal Himself and to bless people.

What are some consistent themes or principles that emerge? Share application.

2. Jesus turning the water into wine has immense implications about His creative power. If He is the Almighty Creator, there's nothing He cannot do.

What issues do you need to place in His hands and trust Him with? Explain how you are planning to cast these cares upon Him and trust Him with them.

HUMBLE YOURSELVES, THEREFORE, UNDER THE MIGHTY HAND OF GOD SO THAT AT THE PROPER TIME HE MAY EXALT YOU, CASTING ALL YOUR ANXIETIES ON HIM, BECAUSE HE CARES FOR YOU.

1 PETER 5:6-7

**"THE CONSCIOUS WATER SAW ITS MASTER AND BLUSHED."
- ALEXANDER POPE**

3. Jesus is the Creator of joy and He takes great pleasure in bringing joy to His people.

Take time as a group to discuss what joy is, and where it comes from. How has God blessed your life and brought you joy? Share Scriptures that are about joy and rejoicing to encourage each other. What holds you back from living with more joy in your life?

UNTIL NOW YOU HAVE ASKED NOTHING IN MY NAME. ASK, AND YOU WILL RECEIVE, THAT YOUR JOY MAY BE FULL.

JOHN 16:24

4. **According to the teaching, how does the turning of water to wine in the stone purification jars symbolize the establishing of the New Covenant by Jesus?**



WEEKLY MEMORIZATION VERSE

Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.



REACH (5 min)

Considering what God revealed to you this week, choose joy. Not arbitrarily or in an unfounded way but precisely because of the many reasons He has given you to rejoice. Ask God to give you at least one opportunity to share, with someone who doesn't follow Jesus, why you have joy in your life.

We will be waiting with anticipation to hear about how your week was filled with joy and how God reached someone in your life with His love.