



A 4-week small group that teaches you how to LIVE life as a Jesus Follower, establishing a relationship with Jesus and learn daily habits that will keep you in Christ and help you grow. Each week will cover a different topic and its very important that you attend each week.



If you are a mature and seasoned believer you can start here! Discover Awaken is a two-week small group to help you learn more about the mission and vision of Awaken Las Vegas to find your place to serve and grow in this community.

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THE GOSPEL-CENTERED LIFE

JESUS IS THE REAL ATTRACTION

Ephesians 5:1-14

WEEK 17

**Turn onto Jesus. Tune in to God.
Drop out of the lies of this world.**

I recently finished a book on the history of Evangelicalism. As the author reviewed 300 years or so of history, he paid particular attention to the impact that the Great Awakenings in America have had on evangelicalism and the resulting unparalleled explosion of gospel influence worldwide. He made a special note of the Jesus Movement in the 1960s and 1970s, which was primarily centered in Southern California through a small church called Calvary Chapel and a middle-aged pastor named Chuck Smith. A counter-culture to the counter-culture began to emerge as young people started to turn on to Jesus, tune in to God, and drop out of the lies of the world. Like every Great Awakening that preceded, people discovered that Jesus was the answer to the cry of their hearts.

The potential for that awakening is always present. It's not something that we have to wait for; it's something that we can bring through our own lives to the world that we live in. As we choose to imitate God and radiate His love and light, souls will be awakened to Jesus and conveyed out of the kingdom of darkness into His marvelous kingdom of light.

(10 min) OPENING PRAYER

Pray that God will permeate your time with His presence. Ask God to help you live a spiritually awakened life and bring a spiritual awakening to the people in your circle of influence.

(25 min) TIME TO CONSIDER

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

1. What does it mean to live as someone who imitates God? What is your motivation to imitate God?

To image bear means to radiate the King and His Kingdom through your life as you encounter Jesus and engage in His Kingdom's purpose.

2. One way we imitate God is by radiating His love. Paul describes the kind of love he means by saying to love like Jesus, giving ourselves for others as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. What does he mean, and what does this look like practically in your life? How do you do this well, and how can you grow?

**Christians are the living embodiment of God's love.
Love leads people to Jesus. It doesn't turn them away from Him.**

3. When you receive Christ and follow Him, He makes you a child of light. The Bible describes this miraculous change in your life by referring to your life before Christ as darkness and disobedience and your new life as light and life. Describe what it means to become a child of light. What should you do when people's sin is exposed through the light radiating from your life? What is God doing in that person, and how can you be a part of it?

WEEKLY MEMORIZATION VERSES: **1 John 1:5** *"This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin."*

EXPERIENCING THE SPIRIT TOGETHER: Spend time as a life group praying and discussing the key things that emerge from your discussion of this week's questions. Discuss how you are living as people awakened to God through faith in Jesus and how your lives can significantly influence others to follow Christ. Pray sincerely for a widespread spiritual awakening in and through our church in Las Vegas and worldwide.

(5 min) LIVE IT

Be intentional about centering each day this week around the presence of Christ in your life. Begin each day in prayer and dedicate daily time to reading Scripture. Live the spiritually awakened life by living and radiating love and light. As people are attracted to those two things in your life, direct them to Jesus.