



Women's Christmas Event

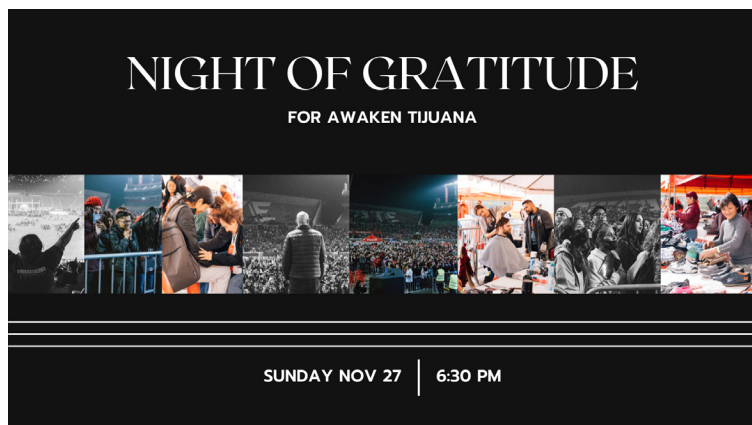
We have the privilege of inviting women in our lives to this special night where they will hear about how Love Has Come for All. Be sure to get two tickets and commit to inviting someone special in your life to enjoy the food and community and worshipping and hearing the gospel message.

Men we are looking for you to serve the women that night as well so please follow the link to sign up to serve!



Night of Gratitude

Next Sunday night we will be having a special evening service at 6:30pm to thank God for all He did through Awaken Tijuana. Come to praise Him, hear testimonies, and pray for the souls who accepted Christ at this event.



Be The Light

Pray and ask God how you can leave a legacy that will love people and help them live a transformed life, making an impact on this world for generations to come with your special year-end gift.



ENCOUNTER JESUS

Week 13 | The Words of Life | John 6:60-71

YOU WERE RESCUED NOT ONLY FROM YOUR SIN BUT A WAY OF THINKING THAT LED TO A LIFESTYLE IN CONFLICT WITH GOD.

Prepare to be offended. When you hear those words, the natural reaction is to brace for the worst. Something will be said that might cause you to recoil or become angry. Something that conflicts with the way you live your life, with the way loved ones live their lives, or with your worldview. When we are talking about God's truth there is no way to avoid being offended at some point. The bottom line is that the truth can hurt. Now, how we respond to the sting of truth is what matters. If we choose to view God's truth through a worldly or selfish lens or maintain the framework or philosophy of the culture around us, we will be tempted to reject it or seek to modify it. At times the offense of truth can be so hard to handle that people altogether turn away from Jesus. Remember, the deeper issue at stake is the battle between the flesh and the Spirit, not between what is culturally relevant or what is passe. Anchoring yourself to the truth you know will stabilize you when your flesh recoils at the sting of a truth you don't like or don't understand. Embracing that sting, seeing God's purpose in it for your spiritual growth and choosing to cling to that which is true is the pathway of the true disciple.

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. Confess any areas where you have been offended and resistant towards God's truth. Ask God to renew your heart in these areas so you can be receptive to His truth.



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. What are some sayings of Christ that are offensive to the culture that we live in? Make a list and discuss how you handle these truths personally. The tendency for some Christians is to use these hard sayings to hammer the non-Christian. How can you convey these hard truths in love to those who need to hear them?**

THINGS AREN'T ALWAYS EASY, THE MAJORITY ISN'T ALWAYS RIGHT, WHAT JESUS SAYS CAN BE HARD, AND WE DON'T ALWAYS UNDERSTAND, BUT JESUS IS WORTH FOLLOWING.

2. The battle over truth is not about competing ideologies or what is culturally relevant. It is a battle between the flesh and the Spirit.

How do you maintain a spiritual perspective and not drift back into framing your worldview in secular or godless terms? What does that practically mean on a daily basis? In other words, how do you bring a spiritual perspective into your daily living?



AND WE IMPART THIS IN WORDS NOT TAUGHT BY HUMAN WISDOM BUT TAUGHT BY THE SPIRIT, INTERPRETING SPIRITUAL TRUTHS TO THOSE WHO ARE SPIRITUAL. THE NATURAL PERSON DOES NOT ACCEPT THE THINGS OF THE SPIRIT OF GOD, FOR THEY ARE FOLLY TO HIM, AND HE IS NOT ABLE TO UNDERSTAND THEM BECAUSE THEY ARE SPIRITUALLY DISCERNED.

1 CORINTHIANS 2:13-14

3. When the multitudes were grumbling against Jesus and followers were leaving in droves, His disciples anchored themselves to two things: what He alone was able to do and who He really was. This steadied their hearts in turbulent times.

How can you turn to these two things to anchor your soul when there is a truth from Scripture that's hard to swallow, or life circumstances that are difficult to understand, or when friends abandon their faith?

THE TRUTH HURTS BUT YOU DON'T CHANGE THE TRUTH BECAUSE IT HURTS.



WEEKLY MEMORIZATION VERSE

1 John 5:12

Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.



REACH (5 min)

Considering what God revealed to you this week, be honest in any aspect of your life where God's truth has been speaking to you, but you have been resisting. Make the choice to receive His truth and to live it out. Fall back on what you know is true and lean into Him to an even greater degree.