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# ENCOUNTER JESUS

Week 23 | THE POWER OF HIS PROMISES | John 14:1-14

**GOD'S VISION IS SO POWERFUL THAT HE WRITES IT AS A STORY AND EXPRESSES IT AS A PROMISE. HIS ETERNAL PURPOSES ARE AS GOOD AS DONE AND THEY ARE ALL CENTERED AROUND JESUS, HIS SON.**

Walt Disney died before Disney World in Florida was finally completed and open to the public. On opening day, Walt's wife, was invited to say a few words at the opening ceremony. On the big day, the Master of Ceremonies said, "I wish that Walt could have seen this." In response, Mrs. Disney simply said, "He did see it. That's why it's here." That is a perfect illustration of vision: To see a goal which doesn't yet exist and to have the conviction, drive and commitment to make it a reality. No one does that better than God. God's vision isn't worked out through animation, cinema, and theme parks. It's far more powerful. Every thought you think and breath you breathe. The meals you share with friends and the laughter you enjoy. The stages of growth and the onset of old age. The dreams you long to see come to pass. The beating of your heart. It's all part of the story that God is writing. A living reality that He has centered around His own Son, Jesus. This vision has a mission or a purpose, to rescue and renew a lost humanity and a fallen creation—a goal that God faithfully brings to pass through Christ, and His people, the church.

**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, what the team shared, and the Vision for 2023. Pray about these things as God leads 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. According to the teaching, when Jesus said, "You believe in God, believe also in Me," He wasn't making a statement about 'token' belief. Remember, for the Jew, God was the foundation of all things and permeated life in every aspect. **With that in mind, what did Jesus mean when He said, "Believe in Me"?**
2. Pastor Derek described missional living as ordinary people doing ordinary things for a deliberate gospel influence. This means that no matter who you are or what you do, all efforts to influence people for Jesus are equally meaningful and potentially powerful. For example, it might be the Christian lovingly meeting the need of a hurting non-Christian or the integrity of a Christian businesswoman that softens a heart to turn to Jesus and His gospel. This is our shared vocation. To continue to fulfill the mission of Christ. **What does that look like in your life? What could that look like in your life?**

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3. Consider the 10 Keys to a Strong Church Below. Discuss them. Consider areas in your Life Group that can grow and positively influence others in Awaken Las Vegas.

1. EXPERIENCING GOD'S PRESENCE
2. GROUNDED IN BIBLICAL TRUTH
3. PURPOSE-FILLED MISSIONAL LIVING
4. BEING SPIRITUALLY FORMED
5. ROOTED IN PRAYER
6. FEARLESSLY USING OUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS
7. FOLLOWING SPIRIT-LED LEADERSHIP
8. GIVING WITH GENEROSITY
9. HAVING HEARTS OF EXTREME UNITY
10. NEVER FORSAKING TRANSPARENCY

4. Using the weekly memorization verses as a foundation, pray about Vision 2023. Pray for yourself, your Life Group, and our church.



## WEEKLY MEMORIZATION VERSE

### JOHN 14:12

Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.



## REACH (5 min)

Considering what God revealed to you this week, be missional in your living. Do ordinary things, but with the intention of them being done for God and to create a gospel influence in the lives of the non-Christians you are with.