

Awaken Tijuana - Pray Serve Give

Our event in Tijuana is coming up so quickly and there is still so much to do! Here are some opportunities:

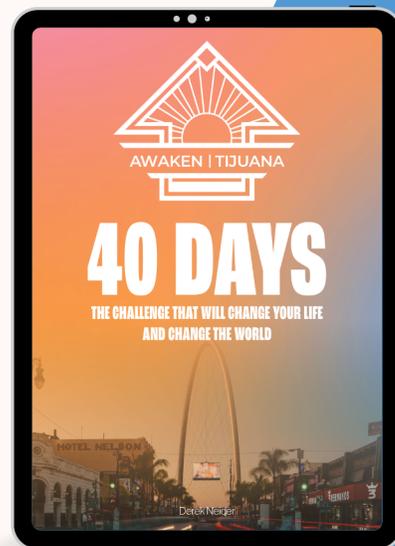
Our priority is always to pray - we have several prayer meetings each week in person. Plan to attend one of them. Also we will begin a 40 days prayer and fasting the first week of October and next week we will be asking everyone to make a commitment to that effort.

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!



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PRAY FOR TIJUANA

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Sundays 10am | Gospel Advancement Office
Tuesdays 12:30pm | Worship Center
Thursdays 5pm | Follow Up Room

ENCOUNTER JESUS

Week 6 | Reborn By God's Spirit | John 3:1-21

BEING BORN AGAIN IS THE BEST WAY TO DESCRIBE YOUR CHRISTIANITY

Most of us have fond memories of memorizing our first Bible verse. Maybe you were new in your faith, and there was a special verse that captured your new-found relationship with God. For me, it was a little different. My first verse was memorized when I wasn't a Christian. I was a new student at UC Irvine. The school year had started, and I was waiting for my roommate to arrive; little did I know then the surprise that God had in store for me. When my roommate finally showed up, he unrolled a poster and placed it over my bed. It was a beautiful seascape with the simple phrase printed on a patch of bright blue sky that said, "Unless one is born-again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God." My body went into shock as I repeated that phrase over and over again. The unthinkable had happened to me, I had a born-again Christian for a roommate. What could be worse for a person who was ready to party? And not only that, but this wasn't any normal Christian, this was a born-again Christian. Little did I realize then that being 'born- again' wasn't a select category in Christianity reserved for the overzealous Jesus freak. It was a description of what really happens to every person who truly believes in Jesus and chooses to be His follower. As Jesus said, "Unless one is born-again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God."

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. Think about the work of God's Spirit in your life and the spiritual renewal He has graciously given to you. Spend time thanking Him.



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. **Why is it impossible to know God and experience the Kingdom of God without being born-again? According to the teaching, what is the Kingdom of God?**

A FAITH RESPONSE TO JESUS IS WHAT ACTIVATES THE SPIRIT'S REGENERATING WORK IN YOUR LIFE.

2. **What does it mean to be born-again? How have you seen the evidence of God's Spirit at work in your life? In other words, describe the evidence in your life that proves you have been born-again.**

BUT WHEN THE GOODNESS AND LOVING KINDNESS OF GOD OUR SAVIOR APPEARED, HE SAVED US, NOT BECAUSE OF WORKS DONE BY US IN RIGHTEOUSNESS, BUT ACCORDING TO HIS OWN MERCY, BY THE WASHING OF REGENERATION AND RENEWAL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, WHOM HE POURED OUT ON US RICHLY THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR SAVIOR, SO THAT BEING JUSTIFIED BY HIS GRACE WE MIGHT BECOME HEIRS ACCORDING TO THE HOPE OF ETERNAL LIFE.

TITUS 3:4-7



3. Jesus explained being born-again to Nicodemus by using imagery and concepts from the Old Testament that were familiar to him. In other words, He built a bridge by building on what Nicodemus already knew.

When you share your faith, or witness to others about God's work in your life, how can you use experiences people have had or things they know about God to build a bridge that helps them understand the gospel? Is there anyone in your life right now that you can do that with?

4. **Why is the rejection of Jesus, fundamentally, not an intellectual issue? Reference John 3:17-21 and spend time discussing.**



WEEKLY MEMORIZATION VERSE

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.



REACH (5 min)

Considering what God revealed to you this week, share the gospel with someone in terms they will understand. Seek to build a bridge by incorporating what they know about God or life experiences they have had. Talk with them about being born-again and the change the Holy Spirit can bring to their life.

We will be waiting with anticipation to hear about the steps of faith you took to share Jesus with someone and how they responded.