

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.

Even though the mission trip is closed, there are still options for you to come join us in Tijuana visit here to find out more:

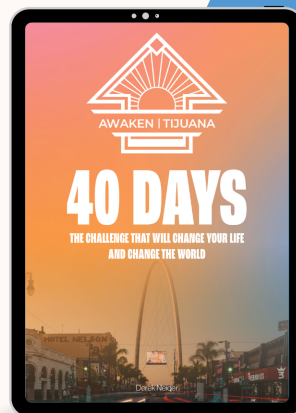


JOIN US

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 8 | When You Are Unwanted | John 4:1-42

JESUS DOESN'T UNCOVER OUR GUILT TO SHAME US HE UNCOVERS OUR GUILT TO HEAL US

Most people think that celebrities are the happiest people on the planet. But the truth is they aren't. In fact, a quick survey of celebrities reveals that their lives can be quite miserable. The recent story of famed chef and world traveler Anthony Bourdain stands as a stark reminder that you can "have it all" and still feel lonely and unwanted. Bourdain said, "I am lonely and living in constant uncertainty." And after Bourdain took his own life, his mother said of him, "He is absolutely the last person in the world I would have ever dreamed would do something like this. He had everything." This type of thinking goes like this, "Once you reach the pinnacle of wealth and fame, it's then that you find true satisfaction and meaning." This is a lie that our culture falsely holds up as true. The truth is that the human soul doesn't need more money, fame or success to be fulfilled. The human soul can only be fulfilled through the worship of God. The brilliant mathematician turned philosopher Blaise Pascal said that every human heart is created with an infinite abyss. A craving that can "only be filled with an infinite and immutable object. In other words, by God Himself." So, whether you are wealthy or poor, famous or unknown, a celebrity or an average person, you have been made to worship God in Spirit and in truth. And that is where you discover real satisfaction.

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. Spend time as a group worshipping God in prayer by thanking Him and exalting Him.



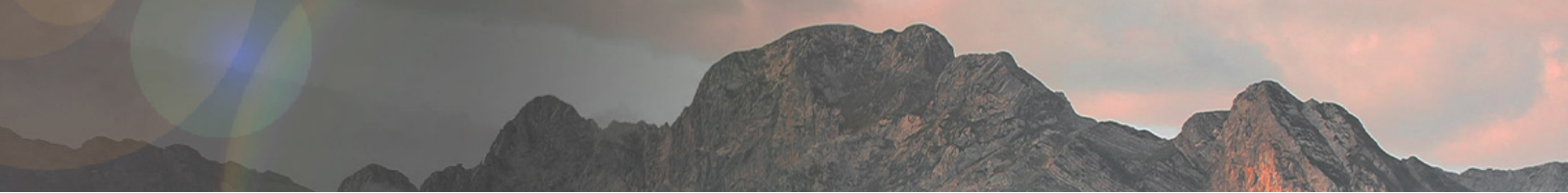
REFLECT (25 min)

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. As you examine your own life, have you in any way bought into the lie that success, fame, or wealth brings true satisfaction? Has the pursuit of any of these things distracted you from real worship?**
2. Jesus exposes our guilt and shame so He can bring healing. When we choose to conceal our sin, it delays His ability to heal us. In prayer, ask God to search your heart and reveal any sin that needs to be brought into the light and confess it to Him.
As God leads you in your group, and as it's appropriate, be willing to confess your sins to one another in an atmosphere of love and mutual support.

CONFESS YOUR TRESPASSES TO ONE ANOTHER, AND PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER, THAT YOU MAY BE HEALED. THE EFFECTIVE, FERVENT PRAYER OF A RIGHTEOUS MAN AVAILS MUCH.

JAMES 5:17



3. Jesus was on a mission to reach the Samaritan woman. He broke through man-made boundaries in a way that surprised her and His disciples. Sadly, today's church culture is often inward-focused and self-righteous.

What boundaries do you need to break through to reach someone with the gospel? Who, in your life, is God directing you to take on as a personal mission to share Jesus with? Discuss this as a group. Ask God to empower your witness to those in need.

GOD'S PEOPLE, THE CHURCH, ARE SUPPOSED TO BE SEEKING OUT UNWANTED AND BROKEN PEOPLE IN JESUS' NAME SO HE CAN RESCUE THEM.

4. **Discuss what it means to worship God in Spirit and in truth.**



WEEKLY MEMORIZATION VERSE

Proverbs 9:8-9

Do not correct a scoffer, lest he hate you; rebuke a wise man, and he will love you. Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; teach a just man, and he will increase in learning.



REACH (5 min)

Considering what God revealed to you this week, follow Christ's example and surprise someone by sharing Christ's love and His gospel.

We will be waiting with anticipation to hear how God used you to reach a person in need.