

# 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:*

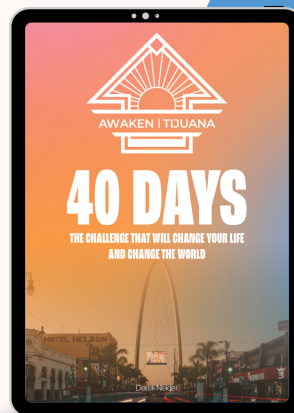


## JOIN US

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 10 | When No One Else Sees | John 5:1-15

## THE LIFE OF JESUS TEACHES US THAT GOD IS MERCIFUL

Remember, Jesus' life is a revelation of God. John began his gospel account by noting that no one has ever seen God, but the only begotten Son has manifested Him. That means everything that Jesus does and every attribute that He demonstrates is directly correlated to the attributes of God and His heart for people. Scripture's way of expressing this is by saying that Jesus is the express image of the Father. All that the Father is has been made known through the Son. For instance, in the story of the healing of the man at the Pools of Bethesda, we learn through the life of Christ that God is merciful. The man was in need, with no one to help him, but Christ saw him and helped him. He acted in mercy. God's mercies are so important to the Christian that it is safe to say we cannot live without them. Thankfully, the Bible teaches that God's mercies are infinite and always available for us!

**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. In prayer, spend time thanking God for how merciful He has been.



### **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. Pastor Derek defined mercy as God's faithful and focused love for us that drives Him to meet us and compassionately help us in our time of need.

**Make a list of mercy moments in your life. Times when you cried out to God for help and He came through. Share these with one another and share current areas where you need to seek new mercies from God.**

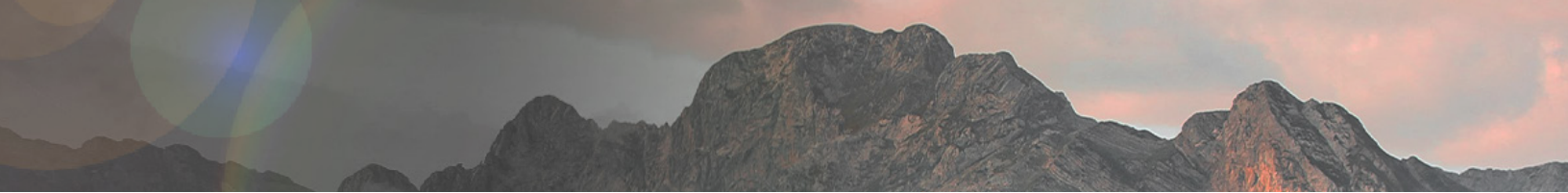
### **CHRISTIANS LIVE THEIR LIVES DEPENDING UPON THE MERCIES OF GOD.**

2. Pastor Derek mentioned how God's mercy is indivisibly united to His love.

**Discuss as a group the relationship between God's love and His mercy. Use Titus 3:5, Lamentations 3:22, Ephesians 2:4, and Psalm 51:1-2 in your conversation.**

**BUT GOD, BEING RICH IN MERCY, BECAUSE OF THE GREAT LOVE WITH WHICH HE LOVED US, EVEN WHEN WE WERE DEAD IN OUR TRESPASSES, MADE US ALIVE TOGETHER WITH CHRIST.**

**EPHESIANS 2:4-5**



3. When you feel like a situation is impossible, it's important to remember that with God, all things are possible. It's been said, and it's true, God is able to change in a day what we cannot change in a lifetime.

**Is there a miracle that you need God to do work in your life? Spend a good amount of time praying for one another's needs. Remember, even as Christians, we can feel like we are all alone. Support one another in meaningful ways so the people in your group feel supported.**

**BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL, FOR THEY SHALL RECEIVE MERCY.**

**MATTHEW 5:7**



## **WEEKLY MEMORIZATION VERSE**

### **Psalm 51:1-2**

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!



## **REACH** (5 min)

Considering what God revealed to you this week, think creatively about how you can support the people in your life group this week. Maybe it's sending encouraging emails or text messages. Maybe it's getting together for coffee and spending time praying for one another.