

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:

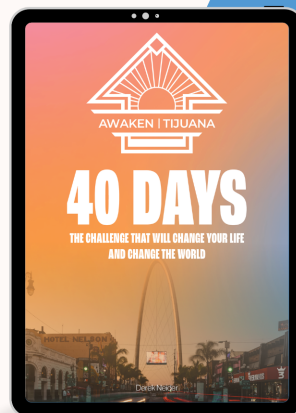


JOIN US

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 11 | In Your Greatest Need | John 6:1-21

**IN-FI-NITE: BOUNDLESS, HAVING NO LIMIT OR END;
IMMEASURABLY GREAT IN EXTENT; IMMENSE, VAST;
INDETERMINATE; CHIEFLY OF GOD OR HIS ATTRIBUTES.**

A few months ago, we were on our favorite beach in California enjoying the salty sea air, warm sands, and beautiful sunsets. Like normal, I put my hands in the water, gathering some of that salty ocean sea in my cupped hands. As I did, the reality of the vastness of the ocean (321 million cubic miles of water) flashed through my mind making my little handful of seawater seem like less than nothing. But my thought didn't linger on my meager handful; rather it turned its focus to the greatness and infiniteness of this tremendous creation of God. As I leaned into this thought I recognized the obvious spiritual correlation. If the ocean feels infinite to me, how much more is the God who carefully crafted it? How infinite and unending is He? What amazed me in this moment was that my sense of meaning and value didn't get swallowed up in the infiniteness of God. No, in fact, they crystalized clearly because of His love.

Thank God for His love! If God wasn't an all-loving being, Jean-Paul Sartre's nihilistic sentiment would be true, that we are empty bubbles floating on a sea of nothingness. But God is loving, and we aren't empty bubbles! We find our meaning, value and purpose as objects of His tender love. And not only that, but He makes His infinite power available to us so that we can partner in His eternal works. What an awesome God He is!



PRAY (10 min)

As a Life Group, take time to reflect and pray over this weekend's message. Spend time worshiping God for His greatness!



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. There is no greater being in the universe than God. From a human perspective, when greatness increases, the value of everything else in comparison decreases. But with God our value in His eyes is not diminished in His greatness, every human being matters to Him. In other words, this infinite God sincerely cares about people.

How does this truth impact you personally? How is this truth manifested in the cross of Christ? How can we carry God's compassion to people in need?

WHEN I LOOK AT YOUR HEAVENS, THE WORK OF YOUR FINGERS, THE MOON AND THE STARS, WHICH YOU HAVE SET IN PLACE, WHAT IS MAN THAT YOU ARE MINDFUL OF HIM, AND THE SON OF MAN THAT YOU CARE FOR HIM? YET YOU HAVE MADE HIM A LITTLE LOWER THAN THE HEAVENLY BEINGS AND CROWNED HIM WITH GLORY AND HONOR.

PSALM 8:3-5



2. Jesus invites us to participate in His Kingdom work and experience His infinite power.

In the two signs we read about this week, how did Jesus move His disciples from being mere spectators to active participants? How are you participating in Christ's Kingdom work? When was the last time you experienced God's power working through your life? Do you consider yourself a spectator or active participant in God's kingdom coming here on earth as it is in heaven? Discuss as a group.

DON'T LET YOUR FINITE PERSPECTIVE LIMIT THE INFINITE POSSIBILITIES THAT EXIST WITH GOD.

3. Derek mentioned that the disciples had to abandon certain things to experience the limitless power of God working in their lives. They had to abandon selfishness, worldly thinking, fear, and they had to be willing to leave the illusion of safety behind. In other words, they had to be willing to take risks for God's Kingdom.

Be honest with yourself, which one(s) of these is holding you back from really experiencing God's power and why? What steps are you going to take to change that?

IF YOU ONLY DO WHAT YOU CAN DO YOU WILL NEVER EXPERIENCE WHAT GOD CAN DO.



WEEKLY MEMORIZATION VERSE

Psalm 147:4-5

He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names. Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.



REACH (5 min)

Considering what God revealed to you this week, be bold in your willingness to step out in faith and rely on God's power. Remember, it's in your weakness that His strength is perfected. Cry out all the more to Him as you take "risks" for His Kingdom.

WE WILL BE WAITING WITH ANTICIPATION TO HEAR ABOUT HOW GOD Poured OUT HIS POWER THROUGH YOUR LIFE!