



# **10 KEYS TO A STRONG CHURCH**

WFFK 2

FORMED FOR THE WORLD'S SAKE ROMANS 8:26-29

The early church tapped into a power that in some ways have been lost on today's Christian culture. They were able to bring Jesus to 10% of the Roman World without any of our modern forms of communication. Which means they shared Jesus with the people around them. They lived for God's purposes and not their own. There has been a shallow high jacking of one of the most powerful Scriptures in the Bible that is often used to just pacify our minds. We can all recite Romans 8:28 but the real power of these verses is the context of what goes before and after them. The Holy Spirit is at work in the lives of GOD lovers, engaging them in the fulfillment of **His purposes**. We can trust Him with open hands, open hearts, and open ears. We need to be willing to allow God to transform our lives. Have you been willing or resistant to that transformation? Are you choosing God's purpose? Is your prayer in the morning, "Help me to recognize your leading today." Are you willing to live your life with God on display? We are meant to be multiplying image bearers of Jesus Christ. We need to tap into the power of these Scriptures realizing that is God's purpose for all of us.

## (10 min) PRAY

As a Life Group, ask God to give you a fresh desire and to have willing hearts to follow the leading of God's Holy Spirit. (25 min) TIME TO CONSIDER

1. Take some time to read Romans 8:26-29. Discuss what it means to be "conformed to the image of his Son" and what ways we need to be transformed.

#### Your spiritual formation requires your participation.

2. Pastor Derek shared that Spiritual Formation is about participating in God's work of shaping us into the likeness of Jesus. Visit awakenlv.org/grow. And look at our Awaken Ecosystem. What area do you think is your strongest area of Spiritual Formation? Which is your weakest? Discuss ways you can grow in that area.

### "So, God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them." Genesis 1:27

3. What tools has God given to us to develop our spiritual formation as individuals and what are the tools He's given to the Church to use together? Purpose your hearts to emphasize these practices into disciplines.

#### Church isn't something you go to, it's a community of transformation that you belong to.

4. Missional Living is radiating Christ everywhere in your life so others can see Jesus and follow Him. Sometimes our spiritual formation can be so weak that we are ashamed to let people know we are even Christians. Discuss ways that you can radiate Christ more in your sphere of influence.

**EXPERIENCING THE SPIRIT TOGETHER:** As a Life Group, take the next 5-10 minutes to pray and spend some time being silent before the Lord and listening to God. Try to remove all distractions as much as possible. Allow your hearts to settle before Him in His presence.

WEEKLY MEMORIZATION VERSE: John 20:21 "Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you."