



A 4-week small group that teaches you how to LIVE life as a Jesus Follower, establishing a relationship with Jesus and learn daily habits that will keep you in Christ and help you grow. Each week will cover a different topic and its very important that you attend each week.



If you are a mature and seasoned believer you can start here! Discover Awaken is a two-week small group to help you learn more about the mission and vision of Awaken Las Vegas to find your place to serve and grow in this community.

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THE GOSPEL-CENTERED LIFE

BRING IT - DAD

Ephesians 6:1-4

WEEK 19

**The masterpiece of your life won't be
Your workplace accomplishments or your wealth
It will be your children and how you taught them to follow Jesus.**

There's nothing like a good dad joke. You know, even though they're dumb, you laugh a little. Like this one. Why do turkeys play percussion? Because they have drumsticks. Or how about this? After an unsuccessful harvest, why did the farmer decide to try a career in music? Because he had a ton of sick beats. Last one. I don't get why Marvel doesn't use the Hulk to advertise more. He's basically one big banner. The older I get as a dad, the less my kids laugh at my jokes and the less invincible they think I am. But I'm still their dad. No matter how old they are, I still have a unique role in guiding them to be Jesus followers. Did you know that's the purpose of being a dad? Paul sets before dads two paths, two ways to raise their children. One path is the flesh, and the other is the Spirit. One will lead your kids to love God and the other to potentially reject Him. Walk in the Spirit with your children, bringing them up in the Lord's discipline and instruction. And as you do, consider your life to be an absolute success! Being a dad is the best!

(10 min) OPENING PRAYER

Pray that God will permeate your time with His presence. Ask God to build the families in your group and make them strong so they can reflect Christ to the world.

(25 min) TIME TO CONSIDER

As you've had the opportunity to reflect on what God has spoken to you through this week's lesson, consider these questions as a group and discuss them.

1. How do Christian families bear God's image? How does Satan intentionally seek to destroy and wreck a family's ability to radiate God's image? What impact does a dad have on the direction of his family based on whether he raises His children in the Spirit or the flesh?

The family is the masterpiece of God's creation. They reflect the image of God.

2. Pastor Derek said that the purpose of parenting is to be in partnership with God to raise children who follow Jesus. What do parents do to fulfill that purpose? Be specific and give concrete examples. If you're a parent, how have you done this well, and how can you do this better?
3. How we speak to our children has a lasting impact on their lives, especially when we correct them. Spirit-filled correction always leads to hope rather than condemnation. It celebrates the wins, no matter how small they may seem. Does the way you speak to your children need to change radiating from your life? What is God doing in that person, and how can you be a part of it?

Affirmation from a father sticks with a child forever.

WEEKLY MEMORIZATION VERSES: *Psalm 127:3-4* **"Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth. Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them!"**

EXPERIENCING THE SPIRIT TOGETHER: Spend time as a life group praying and discussing the key things that emerge from your discussion of this week's questions. Support the families in your group by spending extended time praying for one another.

(5 min) LIVE IT

Be intentional about centering each day this week around the presence of Christ in your life. Begin each day in prayer and dedicate daily time to reading Scripture. This week, bring your whole effort into being a godly parent who invests Jesus into your children. No matter how old they are, your capacity to have a positive influence never goes away.