



# AWAKEN

Week 1

## BREAKING THE ICE

Where do you feel most at home? (your house, parents house, a friend's house)

How do you make a place feel like home?

## MAIN CONTENT

This week, Pastor Kevin started our "Awaken" series. Over the month of February we are choosing to intentionally praying for five people we know to get closer to God. When we choose to pray for people, God moves.

1. Where have you seen a prayer answered when you have prayed for someone else?

Pastor Kevin told a story about how he was prompted to share his story with his neighbor about how Jesus has changed his life. The neighbor did not come to know Christ that day but He did later in his life.

2. When is the last time you've felt prompted and shared your story about how you came to know Jesus with someone? Feel free to share details of the story with the group.

When we fast and pray for others, God molds us to be more like Him. When we are more like Him, others can see and get to know Jesus. Part of being more like Jesus is having an eternal perspective.

3. What do you think it means to have an eternal perspective?

Read John 14:1-6

In this scripture, Jesus was spending time with His disciples. He had just served them by washing their feet and was telling them about His impending death. He was awakening them to the eternal perspective they would need to have once He was gone.

4. What kind of perspective are you living with right now in your life?

Sometimes our perspectives feel short-sighted, because of all of things going on in our lives right now. We're worried about our jobs, relationships and the day-in-day-out rhythms of life. But Jesus came to remind us that when we have an eternal perspective, we can take our eyes off of ourselves and look up to see our lives through that lens. The problems and worries we face today are temporary because our eternal home is with Him where all our longings will be fulfilled. A place where there will be no more suffering or pain.

5. What emotions do you feel knowing this world is not our forever home?

The only way to our eternal home is through Jesus. If there were any other way, God would have done it. The good news is that anybody and everybody is invited to spend eternity in heaven with Jesus. When we really know that Jesus is the only way we tend to live our lives differently – we live our lives in a way that points back to Him, because we want others spend eternity with Him also!

6. How do you live your life in a way that invites everyone to spend eternity with Jesus?

Jesus knew we would need a helper when He left this earth. He let the disciples know they were not alone and He wants us to know we are not alone either.

Read John 14:25-27

7. What is your experience with the Holy Spirit been like? How have you felt the Holy Spirit in your life?

The Holy Spirit is so kind in guiding us in our lives and our decisions, and constantly pointing us back to our God-given mission in life – to help bring eternity on the earth until we spend eternity with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit in Heaven.

When we live with an eternal perspective we can trust and rest in God that He has us and He has prepared a place for us. Our troubles and current situations are temporary. There is a better place coming (eternity) when we choose to trust in Him and when we are led by the Holy Spirit.

## CLOSING PRAYER

Thank you God for loving us enough to send your Son so we can live in eternity with you, and live in light of eternity in the here and now on earth. We know Jesus is the only way and when He left this world, He left a wonderful helper in the Holy Spirit. Please open our eyes and hearts on how to walk with the Spirit. Surround us with relationships that help us stay focused on an eternal perspective, trusting you and the Holy Spirit for guidance.

## ACTION STEP

- + Follow along with the Awaken Resources at <https://crosspoint.tv/awaken/>
- + Ask God to help you decipher what keeps you from having an eternal perspective. Write those things down and pray about them, ask God to help you look to Him for an eternal perspective.
- + Ask God to prepare your heart to tell your story about how you found Jesus. Then ask Him who He wants you to share your story with. Pray and ask Him to show you the right time to share your story.