



AWAKEN

Week 2

BREAKING THE ICE

Where is your favorite place you have traveled to? Why was it your favorite?

Have you ever been on a Global Good trip of some kind with or not with Cross Point? If so, what was your experience like?

MAIN CONTENT

God awakens our hearts in many ways. One way He awakens our hearts to all of His people is when we travel and see what God can do through us when we step out in faith globally.

1. What would it look like/what is holding you back from going on a global trip this year to awaken your heart to people around the world?

As we continue our Awaken series, Pastor Kevin shared from John 14 and 15 this week. He told a story about mistakenly giving away money he had planned for something else, resulting in him feeling lost and troubled. In John 14:27, Jesus tells us that He gives us peace when we feel troubled.

2. How have you experienced Jesus' peace when your heart has felt troubled?

Read John 15:1-8

Jesus gives us peace because He is the source of peace. When we read John 15, we see that Jesus is the vine, He is the beginning and life source of all good things. God, our heavenly Father, is the Gardener. The gardener is the one responsible for tending the branches to help them yield the most fruit. We are the branches. We are the little limbs connected to the vine, Jesus, and with the help of the gardener God, we are able to produce fruit. The fruit we produce is seen through the works of our life that make a difference, such as our words, actions, deeds and behaviors.

3. Who is someone you know who produces good fruit? How have you been positively impacted by their fruit?

Abiding in the vine, looks like spending time with Jesus in His presence. When we abide in Christ, producing fruit simply overflows in our lives, and the purpose of producing good fruit is to give God glory.

4. What does it look like for you to abide (spend time) with God in His presence? How have you seen abiding in Him produce good fruit?

When we abide in Jesus, He welcomes us back to Him every day. He shows us His love and gives us rest. When we quit hiding things from Him and choose to abide in Him vulnerably instead, we experience freedom.

In order to bear good fruit for God, we have to remember cultivation requires intentionality. Thorns and weeds always choke out fruit, and this happens when we don't allow God to prune the hard things in our lives. Thorns and weeds are the things that keep you from abiding in Him. We tend to abide in other things instead of Jesus that ultimately don't bring us life.

5. What are some things besides Christ you can tend to abide in?

The second thing to remember is that repentance and confession are the path home to God. Sin does not affect our union with God but it does affect our communion with God. Repentance means to come back home. God always welcomes us home for repentance. When we repent it builds communion with Him.

6. What does the act of repentance look like in your life? How have you seen repentance lead to communion with God and others?

The third thing to remember is God lovingly prunes our lives because He wants the best for us. He prunes our lives so that we can be more fruitful. He eliminates habits, people, circumstances and situations so we can be more like Him. We tend to pick back up the branches on the ground that God has pruned from our lives like past habits, relationships and behaviors. But, God has fruit for us on the other side of leaving those branches on the ground.

7. What branches do you keep picking back up in your life that God has pruned out of your life that you need to put back down?

The last thing to remember is the greatest fruit is love.

Read John 15:9-12

Love each other as He loves us. It sounds so simple but it's impossible unless we abide in Him. We can't give love unless we abide in His love. We can't give grace unless we abide in His grace.

8. How have you experienced God's full, supernatural love in your life? How have you or do you show others the fullness of His love?

CLOSING PRAYER

God, thank you for these last few weeks of prayer and fasting that have allowed us the time to abide in you. Please continue to show us where we need to repent in order to have true communion with you. Show us where we abide in other things instead of you. Remind us of the pruning you have already done in our lives and to trust the pruning, not picking those things back up, but rather completely trusting in you. Let us experience the overwhelming, never-ending love you have for us so that we may love others the same way. Amen.

ACTION STEP

+ Pray and ask God if He would have you consider going on a Global Good trip this year. Keep an open mind and heart to what it would look like to share God's love to those around the world through going, praying or giving. Go [HERE](#) for more information.

+ Continue the month of prayer and fasting with us as we abide in Him. Go to <https://crosspoint.tv/awaken/> for more details and resources.

+ Take time this week to spend with God and abide in Him asking Him to show you: What you might be abiding in other than Him, what He might be trying to prune from your life, what you might need to repent from and how you can experience His love more deeply, so you can share that love with others.