



## AWAKENING TO LIFE

“Now this is living!”

### Connect:

- Open with Prayer and spend some time talking about the week.
- When do you feel most alive?
- How has God been challenging you with during this Awakening series to change your thinking and/or actions? How can these changes affect your future?

*“I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full!” John 10:10*

### Grow:

- Read Luke 15:22-24. What reason does the Father give for the need to celebrate? Read Luke 15:7. Think about that: When you turn toward God and repent, heaven literally comes to a standstill and everyone celebrates! God basically throws a party, and you are the reason!
- If you have not repented and turned your life over to God, stop right now before you let one more minute pass and do so. Pray to receive Jesus Christ’s gift of forgiveness, salvation, everlasting life, and purpose. Believe that Christ was crucified, dead and buried, and was raised to defeat death and sin so that you may have life, and have it to the fullest! If you are a Christ follower, confess what is holding you back from living a fuller life in Christ.
- If you have turned to God in repentance and received his love, forgiveness, and grace, what are some ways that you can learn to grow and live in your new identity? The truth is that in Christ we are justified in God’s eye’s, but that is only the beginning of our journey, as we are also in the process of being sanctified (formed to be more like Christ.) It is God’s work to grow and change us, but we must put ourselves in the position to hear from Him. Let’s look at some practical steps to be in this position and become more like Christ.
- Do you have a regular devotional time of Bible reading, reflection, and prayer? Do you engage in activities that serve others in your church and in your community? Have you taken the step to be baptized as an adult and publicly share with the world who you are and whose you are? (Acts 2:38) Are you developing authentic relationships with people that you can share the challenges of real life with? (no masks, no perfection) What are tangible steps you can take in one or more of these areas to know and become more like Jesus?

### Go:

- As a group, listen to the song “More of You” by Colton Dixon. (Audio with words.) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o9jeLGP3nIc>. Google the lyrics to follow along.

- Pastor Brad challenged us to pray **“God, make yourself real to me. Awaken in me the confidence that I can live a brand new life.”**
- For the next 30 days make that and if you’re ready to journey deeper, this, your prayer. ***“God, I need more of you and less of me, make me who I’m meant to be. You’re all I want all I need. You’re everything. Take it all, I surrender. Be my King. God I choose more of you, less of me.”***
- Make a plan to hang out outside of group. Plan to do something fun and celebrate the steps that you are taking as a group and as individuals to shift toward Christ!