

Come Awake!

Reflect

1. What does it take for a person's perspective to change in life? Can it be changed?
2. Have you ever had a change of heart or mind about something important? Describe the situation.
3. Why is change so hard? What can change you?

Read Your Bible

- Ephesians 5:11-17
- John 3:1-8

Apply God's Word to Your Life

1. How does faith in Jesus change us?
2. How is faith like "waking up" from sleep?
3. What were you blind to that Jesus helped you see?
4. What does Jesus mean by being "born again"? What does it mean to be born of "water and spirit"?
5. What does new birth in Jesus Christ mean for you?
6. Do you work to see the world through your new birth in Jesus Christ? Where might you be holding onto a worldly viewpoint that is not of God? How do you know?
7. Have you been born again in Jesus Christ?

Conclusion

Everyone's faith transformation is different. For some, it happens in a dramatic moment. Like an overflowing river that breaks through a dam, all the old assumptions of life change in a torrent of God's love and grace. For others, the conversion happens slowly, over time. Like how a river can erode a bank, you cannot point to one moment or experience, but God's grace over time has dramatically changed the course of your life.

Either way, what matters most is that we understand that our lives are no longer our own. To be a follower of Christ is not simply an intellectual agreement to a set of principles, a religious preference, or something we do because our parents told us that is what we are. It is a change of life. God has come to give us a new heart and a new birth. It is as if we were asleep, and we have now come awake and see the world clearly for the first time. We were dead in our sin and have now been given new life. God's desire is that we all may know that we are his children and that He loves us without limit. Do you know God?

We are praying for revival this fall. The time for sitting on the fence as a Christian is past. Our world is in desperate need of the love of Christ. That change begins right here and right now with us. For too long Christianity has been a spectator sport. God does not want an audience; He wants an army! Rise up! Come awake! See that the Lord is good, and His love endures forever!

Pray

Father, open our eyes so we can see. Wake us up from our sleep. Help us to see the world through the eyes of Christ. Bring Your Holy Spirit and give us new birth. Revive our church, our city, our state, our nation, and our world. Let it begin with me. In Jesus' Name. Amen.