



AWAKENING 201 STUDY

JOINING GOD'S MISSION THROUGH HIS LOCAL CHURCH:

As Awakening is committed to awaken this generation to new life in Christ, we are grateful for your desire to partner with us in this unique purpose.

In Acts 2:41–47 we see how the early church banded together as a Christ-centered community from the very beginning. They gathered regularly to serve and spread Jesus' message of hope. They grew in grace, maturity, and number. Everything they had they shared in common. Overall, they were fully committed to Jesus and the local body of believers that they identified with as their church home.



For over a decade, Awakening has responded to God's calling to redeem people and restore this world through the power of Jesus. We have continuously challenged one another to live out the values and ministry evidenced in the early church. When we surrender our lives to Christ, He immediately brings us into God's family. When we choose to join together as a local church, we declare our commitment to Christ as active participants in His mission through this local and distinct community of believers.

A part of our commitment to this local body of believers is to seek to cultivate a pathway of growth where we COME to know Jesus, GROW as a disciple of Jesus, SERVE in the name of Jesus, and SHARE the love of Jesus. As we collectively engage in these steps of formation, the hope is that we grow in five key areas that are a "Profile of a Disciple" found within scripture:

1. **Compelling FAITH:** Prepared to share The Gospel with others.
2. **Life-Giving PRACTICES:** Consistent engagement in prayer and scripture.
3. **Intentional RELATIONSHIPS:** Active involvement in community and groups.
4. **Extravagant GENEROSITY:** Sacrificial giving for the cause of Christ.
5. **Meaningful MINISTRY:** Regular use of one's spiritual gifts.










STEPPING UP TO THE COMMITMENT CHALLENGE

This five-part devotional study is provided for you, as part of Awakening, to dive deeper in your commitment to the five characteristics of a disciple. Additionally, by searching God's Word and your heart, our desire is for you to discover how Christ is calling you to participate in His vision for the Awakening family.

This five-part study also serves as a commitment guide for anyone who wants to become a member of Awakening Church. During this experience, you'll spend time reading and reflecting on God's Word and what it means to be fully committed to Christ in this local church community. During the 201 membership process, you'll also receive additional teaching about the commitments in this guide and the role of Awakening, participating members.

MAKING THE COMMITMENT

 In the study, there is a specific Statement of Commitment to affirm. Our desire is to provide you with avenues of accountability so that, with full integrity, you may live out your commitment to Christ and this community. If  you discover barriers to becoming a participating member, the next steps are there to guide you in the right direction. If you decide not to become a member at this time, know that we are excited God has called you here for  this season of your spiritual journey, and we are willing and available to walk alongside you.  

The last page of this guide is the Statement of Commitment each of us makes as a participating member of Awakening Church. After completing the five-day study and addressing any potential barriers, you can complete your membership process by returning this form to our Discipleship Pastor.

We celebrate with you as you take time to explore your commitment to Christ as part of Awakening!

***NOTE:** As a part of our foundational core, you are the first participants to dive into this 201 study. Therefore, we'd love your feedback along the way to help us further refine this material in preparation for the official launch of our 201 classes. You can provide helpful feedback anytime, using this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VLKM8BY>









WEEK 1: COMPELLING FAITH



God's biblical mandate for ALL believers

As Jesus was sent into the world to make the invisible God known, he has now entrusted and commissioned his followers to advance this same mission, famously described in *Matthew 28:18-20*:

18 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

 To be agents of this mission means we are to be people who have a compelling faith. A faith that is compelling to the outside world, and a faith and compels us to tell others about the love of Jesus.



 Read *Matthew 5:13-16*. How do you see our local church illustrating this hoped outcome of being salt and light into the world?


 **Recognizing our personal networks**
How do you view the people within your personal networks? Do you see them made in the image of God? If they don't know Jesus, do you see them as a not-yet-follower of Jesus that you have an opportunity and/or responsibility to plant a seed with?

Read *Acts 8:25-40*. What do you notice about Philip's posture towards the Spirit's leading? What do you admire about his approach?

What else do you notice about Jesus' approach to faith sharing in the following passages:

- *John 3:1-21*
- *John 4:1-26*





Intentional pursuit of others

We want to be a people that intentionally and graciously pursue the not-yet-Christian in our lives with authenticity and love. To help cultivate this kind of purposeful living, we seek to live out these three phases of our evangelistic efforts towards others: Prayer, Care, and Share.

PRAYER: Regularly praying for those in our networks who aren't currently followers of Jesus.

CARE: To look for meaningful and genuine opportunities to care for our neighbors, co-workers, and classmates with an act of service, an invitation to a meal, or gift of encouragement.

SHARE: To look for opportunities to take a risk and either share an invitation to church or share about the love of Jesus, allowing the Spirit to lead whichever conversation is needed.



Write the name of three people that God is asking you to have more intentional steps with evangelistically:

Read *1 Thessalonians 2:1-13*. How do you see Paul's lifestyle model the "prayer, care, share" model? What other aspects of his approach do you want more of in your own evangelistic efforts?

Invitational Culture

We want to have a passion and urgency to reach the lost within our community. How would you describe the level of urgency in each of these parables told by Jesus:

- *Luke 15:1-7*
- *Luke 15:8-10*
- *Luke 15:11-31*





Read Luke 14:15-24. What does increasing the risk of your invitational posture look like? Who is ready for an invitation to coffee? Who is ready for an invitation to your home? Who is ready for an invitation to a Sunday church service?

Message bearing

Having a compelling faith recognizes that every Christ follower bears a message that must be delivered with grace and relational love.

In the Old Testament, Israel's prophets were tasked to deliver essential messages to God's people. Consider how they were to deliver this message in *Isaiah 52:7*:

How beautiful on the mountains
are the feet of those who bring good news,
who proclaim peace,
who bring good tidings,
who proclaim salvation,
who say to Zion,
"Your God reigns!"



Why do you think it is essential for us to communicate the Gospel not only through our deeds, but our words as well?

Explore the foundational truths of The Gospel found in Romans. Write out how you would explain each verse to a friend:

- *Romans 1:19-20*
- *Romans 3:23*
- *Romans 5:8*
- *Romans 6:23*





Conclusion

A core aspect of the church is evangelistic. It is commissioned to share the good news and love of Jesus to the world, starting with our friends, neighbors, family members, coworkers, and classmates.

We are to be salt and light, ambassadors, and agents of The Gospel, posturing ourselves with authenticity, integrity, hospitality and love.

May we be a people with such a compelling faith.





WEEK 2: LIFE-GIVING PRACTICES

Progressing as a Christian

GOD DESIGNED ALL LIVING THINGS to grow—and He wants us to partner with Him in the growing process. We plant, water, and fertilize, and God makes trees bud, and crops flourish. We parent, and He guides our children into adulthood. We coach or teach, and He enables students and athletes to become more skillful.

That growth partnership is true in the spiritual world, too. God designed each of us to mature into fully devoted followers of Christ. When we trust Him to do His part, which He always does, and faithfully do our part, we can count on the spiritual growth He will bring.

But there's a tension. Although God is faithful in His part to help us grow (the supernatural work of the Holy Spirit), we consistently fall short on our part. We resist things that would help us grow, fail to trust the Spirit's help, and sometimes do things that actively keep us from growing. This tension will be with us all our lives. But when we commit to the growth process through our partnership with Him, we can deepen our lifelong response to His grace and earnestly express His grace to others. That's what spiritual growth is all about.

The Inward Signs of Growth

If we are intimately connected to Christ, what “fruit” will our lives bear?

- *Galatians 5:22*

Rate yourself in each of the nine fruits of the Spirit: **love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness, and self-control**. Which one would you like to focus on developing as you take your next spiritual step?

According to this passage, how would you describe someone not intimately connected to Christ?

- *Galatians 5:19–21*





Read the following passages and note the role of compassion in a transformed heart. Summarize what you discover.

- *Galatians 2:10*
- *Luke 14:13–14*
- *James 1:27*

Describe how your heart is growing (or has become stagnant) in compassion for those who are poor, marginalized, or in need. What has helped you grow? What has hindered you? What help do you need moving forward?

We welcome people from all racial, ethnic, socioeconomic, and sexual backgrounds. We strive to create a culture in which every person feels a sense of belonging. We accept each other's differences as we fully participate in building a unified church. Does anything prevent you from being fully engaged in that effort? If so, what can you do to move beyond it?



Tools for Growth

In *John 15:4–5*, Jesus talks about growing as one of His followers. Summarize what He says.

Growing as a Christ follower takes intentionality. The following tools can help you grow and remain intimately connected to Christ.

The Bible

Nothing catalyzes intimacy with Christ and growth in character quite like reading, reflecting, and responding to the Bible. What do the following verses teach about the importance of Scripture in the life of a growing Christian?

- *Psalms 1:2–3*
- *Hebrews 4:12*
- *Psalms 119:9–24*





Read *2 Timothy 3:16–17*. According to verse 16, who is the true author of the Bible? What are the different ways you can equip yourself with the Word of God (verse 17)?

How would you put in your own words the warning to Christ followers found in *James 1:22–25*?

What tempts you to be a hearer—but not a doer—of God’s Word?

Prayer, Solitude, and Worship

What do *Luke 5:16* and *6:12–13* tell us about Jesus’ prayer life and solitude with God the Father? What can we learn from His example?

List the various types of prayer you see in these verses:

-  - *1 John 1:9*
-  - *James 5:13*
-  - *1 Timothy 2:1*
-  - *Philippians 4:6*
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According to these passages, what are the benefits of Christians gathering together? How do weekend services and other church activities help you experience these benefits?

- *Acts 2:42–47*
- *Hebrews 10:24–25*
- *Hebrews 12:28–29*
- *1 Timothy 4:13–16*





The Purpose of Spiritual Practices

The tools we use to grow spiritually (such as Bible reading, prayer, silence, solitude, enjoying the beauty of creation, and worship) are often referred to as “spiritual practices.” Religiously, self-righteous leaders of Jesus’ day thought engaging in these practices would impress God— even if their hearts weren’t right (*Mark 7:3–4*). It didn’t (*Matthew 23:13– 36*). The purpose of spiritual practices is to help us experience God’s grace—not earn His favor.

Ephesians 3:16–19 describes Paul’s vision for spiritual maturity. How would you put it in your own words?

When sin deadens our spiritual growth, what do these verses teach us about our life and conduct?

- *1 John 2:4–6*

- *1 Peter 1:14–16*

If salvation means total forgiveness, why does it matter if we continue to sin once we have become Christians (*Romans 6:1–4*)?

According to *Romans 1:21*, what heart condition leads to a sinful lifestyle?

These passages tell us things fully devoted followers of Christ should avoid. Which do you struggle with?

- *1 Corinthians 6:18–20*

- *Galatians 5:19–21*

- *1 Timothy 1:9–11*

- *2 Timothy 3:1–5*

- *Titus 2:1–14*







What do these verses teach us about growing in Christ and aligning our actions with God's plans?

- *Luke 11:28*
- *John 14:23-24*
- *Acts 7:39*
- *Romans 6:16-17*
- *1 John 2:4-6*

Conclusion

 Christ followers know the grace of God that saved them is only the beginning of His work in them. They gratefully respond by actively pursuing a lifelong process of spiritual growth in Christ and seek to become conformed to His image. To this end, they consistently nurture their spiritual development through life-giving practices like prayer, worship, and Bible study.

 They regard the Bible as the final authority in all areas of their lives and desire to be wholly obedient to it. Christ followers honestly confront areas of personal sin and engage the Holy Spirit's power in seeking to turn from sin.

Christ followers also desire to extend the grace they've received to others through personal evangelism and participation in the collective ministry of the church in their community, their country, and around the world.





WEEK 3: INTENTIONAL RELATIONSHIPS

Relationships that optimize life change

THOSE WHO ATTEND AWAKENING gain the opportunity to get to know God at deeper levels and to see one another as we truly are: children of the Most High God who are loved completely and forgiven freely. Every event, experience, and relationship helps us understand those things more fully.

For example, when gifted teachers teach from God's Word, it changes how we think because we get a glimpse into the goodness and holiness of God. When we gather for corporate worship, we celebrate and enjoy a dimension of God's beauty that inspires us. When we meet in small groups, another group member can remind us of what we sometimes forget: God loves us beyond measure, is working in us, and will carry us to heaven one day to be with Him. These are moments that remind us we are breaking free from sin and becoming more like Him.



The Community of Christians

Early believers knew Christ never intended for them to live alone. What do the following verses teach us about their relationships with one another?

- Acts 2:44–47
- Acts 4:32–35

Read what the writer of Hebrews had to say about community life in *Hebrews 10:24–25*. Rephrase this passage in your own words.

The Few in the Midst of Many

According to *1 Corinthians 16:19*, Christians met in large groups and in _____.

What are the advantages of each?





Examine the Scripture passages below. Why is it impossible to fulfill these teachings without having close relationships with other Christ followers?

- *Galatians 6:1–3*
- *Proverbs 27:17*
- *Colossians 3:16*

Christlike Attitudes in Relationships

All believers are followers in one way or another. How does the Bible describe a good follower?

- *1 Corinthians 16:15–16*
- *1 Thessalonians 5:12–13*



- *Hebrews 13:17*



Sometimes, quarrels occur between individuals within the church. What does *2 Timothy 2:23–24* teach about this topic?



Describe the process for conflict resolution that Jesus talks about in *Matthew 18:15–17*.

What issues do the following verses have in common:

- *Romans 16:17*
- *1 Corinthians 1:12–13*
- *Titus 3:10*
- *James 4:1–3*
- *Jude 1:9*





Reflect on the passages below. Why do you think God is so passionate about division and factions not being part of our church?

- *John 13:34–35*
- *1 Corinthians 12:12–27*
- *Philippians 2:3–8*

Conclusion

A Christ follower honors God's call to participate in community in order to grow in Christlikeness, to express and receive love, and to carry out the ministry of the church.

For this reason, Christ followers give priority to attending the corporate gatherings of the church for the purpose of worship, teaching, and participation in the sacrament of Communion, and are connected relationally to a small group of believers for the purpose of mutual encouragement, support, and accountability.

Christ followers also:

1. Pursue Christ-honoring relationships at home, within the church, and in the marketplace, and are committed to pursuing the biblical pattern of reconciliation when conflict arises.
2. Support and pray for the leadership of the church.
3. Affirm and uphold the fundamental truths of Scripture.







WEEK 4: EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY


The Reasonable Response to Our Gracious God

“Mine.” It’s one of the first words we learn as children. In one sense, knowing the difference between “mine” and “yours” is a natural and necessary phase of childhood development. It helps us become self-aware and establish appropriate boundaries.

The downside is that “mine” can quickly morph into an attitude of selfishness. There’s no area where that shows up faster than in our attitudes about money. So, it shouldn’t surprise us that Jesus and New Testament writers talk a lot about the concept of money and possessions. They know our tendency is to forget that “The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it” (*Psalm 24:1*).

 Despite our tendencies, God is still incredibly gracious. Even though He knows we will mismanage what He has given us—and it’s all His— He still shares it with us. All He asks is that we be gracious and sacrificial with it.

 That’s what Jesus did. He gave up everything in heaven to graciously and sacrificially accomplish our redemption. When we follow His lead, He promises we will store up for ourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy and where thieves do not break in or steal (*Matthew 6:20*).

 When we get there, no one will grasp for more or try to selfishly clutch their “toys.” No one will ever say “mine” again. We’ll freely enjoy what our good stewardship here has imitated—it’s all His, and He freely gives it to us (*Romans 8:32*).

A Giving Benchmark

In the Old Testament, believers were required to give a tenth of their income to the support of the ministry and the needs of the poor (*Genesis 14:18–20, Leviticus 27:30–32, Proverbs 3:9–10, Malachi 3:8–10, Exodus 23:16, 19*).

How has the practice of giving continued in the church as seen in *1 Corinthians 16:2*?

Today, 10% isn’t a mandate, but a suggested benchmark realizing for some, 10% is too low of a starting point, while just 5% may be a significant sacrifice.





What does *2 Corinthians 9:7* tell us about what matters most with our giving?

Stewardship of Our Resources

What's the moral of the story Jesus shares in *Luke 16:10–13*?

What does this passage teach about how we should view our possessions?

Savings and Debt

According to *Proverbs 6:6–11*, why is the ant a good model of money management?

In the same passage, what do we avoid when we work hard and save?

What does *Proverbs 28:20* teach us about get-rich-quick schemes?

 We live in an age of credit and consumer debt. What does God's timeless wisdom say about that?



- *Proverbs 21:25–26*

- *Proverbs 22:26–27*

- *Proverbs 22:7*

Attitudes about Money and Giving

According to these passages, how should we think about money and giving?

- *1 Timothy 6:8–10, 17–19*

- *1 Corinthians 16:1–2*

- *2 Corinthians 8:9, 12*

- *Luke 6:38*

- *Matthew 6:3–4*

- *2 Corinthians 9:6–9.*





What challenge is presented in this passage? What promise?

How We Should Give

- **GENEROUSLY:** We know Christ has given us everything and owns all we have.
- **PROPORTIONALLY:** We give the highest percentage of our income possible, recognizing the tithe (10 percent) as a historic benchmark to consider.
- **REGULARLY:** As resources flow in, we offer our “firstfruits” back to God (*Proverbs 3:9*), honoring Him first—before fulfilling our other financial obligations.
- **LOCALLY:** Awakening is our spiritual home, and we support it with our giving because God uses the church to bless us, those in our community, and our brothers and sisters around the world.
- **COMPASSIONATELY:** As God directs (*James 1:5*), we give beyond our normal levels of giving to support special initiatives for those in need.
- **CHEERFULLY:** Knowing God sees our heart, we don’t give begrudgingly. We give as a willful, joyful act of worship to honor God and serve others.
- **HUMBLY:** We don’t call attention to ourselves when we give—and we don’t give to gain favor or influence over others.
- **EXPECTANTLY:** We’re confident in God’s provision and look forward to how He will use our gifts. We know He is pleased when we give generously and sacrificially. We look forward to seeing how He will faithfully provide for our physical needs when we have been faithful in honoring Him with the firstfruits of our income.



Commitments for Extravagant Generosity

1. I believe all I have has come my way through the loving hand of God.
2. I will live joyfully within God’s current provision for my life (*Philippians 4:12–13*).
3. I will honor God by giving the first portion of my earnings to him (*Proverbs 3:9–10*).
4. I will save a portion of my earnings for emergencies, above-and-beyond giving, and future opportunities (*Proverbs 6:6–8*).
5. I will live each day with an open ear toward God and respond eagerly to any direction He gives me regarding my resources.





Conclusion

Christ followers realize they were bought with the price of Christ's blood, and everything they are and have belongs to Him. In light of this, they desire to be responsible caretakers of the material resources God has entrusted to them. In response to Christ's abundant giving, his followers increase their resources to His lordship and display a spirit of extravagant generosity and cheerfulness in supporting the work of the church.





WEEK 5: MEANINGFUL MINISTRY

God-Given Abilities Used for the Common Good

IF GOD GAVE EVERYONE IN A CHURCH every spiritual gift, what would that look like?

“What a tremendous ministry!” you may think. “No shortage of volunteers. If the pastor is sick one week, no problem! Everyone has the gift of teaching, so anyone can fill in. Every small group has a leader; every ministry vacancy has a number of potential directors to choose from. In addition, there are no financial problems because everyone has the gift of giving and gives way beyond the tithe!”

Maybe. But think a little harder. There would be constant frustration because no one could fully use their gifts—and developing them through practice would be almost nonexistent. More importantly, we wouldn’t need or appreciate each other.

God’s plan for the church looks better than this. He gave everyone different gifts and abilities for ministry ministry, so we’d excel at different things and therefore need each other.

The Privilege of Serving

Read *Matthew 9:36–38*. How do you see this reality at Awakening?

In *1 Timothy 1:12*, the apostle Paul tells us his attitude toward working in God’s service. How would you explain what he says?

Different Parts, One Body

In *1 Corinthians 12:14–26*, the apostle Paul compares the church to a human body: Christ is the head, and all of us are different members. In three or four sentences, summarize the key ideas he brings out.

According to *1 Corinthians 12:4–7*, what is the reason God gave everyone different skills and abilities?





Every Person is a Difference Maker

What did Jesus mean by “bearing fruit” in *John 15:8, 16–17*?

What’s the connection between bearing fruit and evidence we are His disciples?


What does the need to bear fruit say about being involved at Awakening?

Discovering Our Gifts

If you aren’t clear on what spiritual gifts you have, we want to help you discover them. Go to _____ to learn more.

If you know your gifts, what’s keeping you from deploying them at Awakening?


Our Attitudes as We Use Our Gifts

 In the following passage, Jesus does something for the disciples that illustrates the attitude we should have when we serve. What is it?



 - *John 13:3–17*



 Would others describe you as a towel-over-your-arm kind of Christ follower?

 Why or why not?

Conclusion

Jesus followers recognize the church is composed of interdependent individuals, each uniquely gifted by the Holy Spirit for the purpose of building up the body and furthering the ministry of the church.

They therefore seek to discover, develop, and deploy those God-given gifts—and to find a place of service within the church with the support and affirmation of the body.

May we all experience meaningful ministry for God’s glory!





STATEMENT OF FAITH

THE BIBLE: We believe the Bible to be the fully inspired and living Word of God, without error in their original manuscripts and is completely trustworthy in every way and authoritative for all of life. (*2 Tim. 3:16-17; 1 Pet. 1:22-23; Heb. 4:12-13*)

GOD: We believe in one living and true God, the Creator of all things visible and invisible, who is personal, infinite, and perfect. Who exist in perfect unity as three equally and fully divine Persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. (*Duet. 6:4; 2 Cor. 13:14; Matt. 28-19-20*)

HUMANITY: We believe that every single person has intrinsic value as they have been made in the image of God and are ultimately designed to enjoy a life-giving relationship with the God of the universe. (*Gen. 1:27*) Yet as a result of mankind's rebellion (*Gen. 3; Rom. 3:23*) each person has experienced the aftermath of the fall (a sinful nature, suffering, & separation from God) and in and of themselves has no way of restoring a right relationship with God. (*Rom. 5:6-8*)

JESUS: We believe that Jesus is the eternal Son of God, who was moved by love in accordance with the will of the Father, took on human flesh (*Jn. 1:1, 14, 18; Lk. 1:3*). Jesus, being fully man & fully God, lived a sinless life and sacrificially died on the cross in our place, bringing salvation to all who would place their faith in Him (*Rom. 3:22-24; 2 Cor. 5:21*). He rose again visibly and bodily from the dead 3 days later and appeared to over 500 eyewitnesses. (*1 Cor. 15:1-8; Rom. 4:25*) Jesus ascended into heaven and now sits at the right hand of the Father; the Head of His body the Church (*Col. 1:15-20*), the only Savior and Mediator between God and man (*Heb. 7:25; Rom. 8:35*), and He will one day return to earth in power and glory to restore all things. (*1 Thess. 4:13-18; 2 Thess. 1:7-9*)





SALVATION: We believe that salvation (the restoration of relationship with God both now and for eternity) is found in Jesus Christ alone (*Jn. 14:6; Acts 4:12*). Salvation is offered to each and every person by grace through faith in Jesus Christ, who died on the cross for the payment of our sin and rose again from the dead on the third day defeating sin, death & Satan (*Eph. 2:8-9; 1 Cor. 15:3-8*). We believe that salvation is a work of God and that no one or no thing can undo what God has done. (*Rom. 8:38-39; Jn. 10:27-30*)

HOLY SPIRIT: We believe the Holy Spirit is the 3rd person of the triune God. We believe the Holy Spirit is sent to indwell the believer baptizing him/her into new life (*Eph. 1:13-14; Jn. 3; 1 Cor. 12:13*), sealing them for salvation [*Eph. 1:13-14; 4:30*] and sanctifying them becoming more like Christ [*Jn. 16:8-11; Rom. 8:1-17*]. We believe that there is evidence of the Spirit's active work in one's life namely the fruit of the Spirit (*Gal. 5:22; Jn. 15*)

CHURCH: We believe the Church is God's supernaturally empowered community that has experienced the radical grace of God & expresses His love to a broken and hurting world. We believe that Jesus is the head of the Church & that He has supernaturally gifted every believer to belong and to build-up His Church in unity: "being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit & purpose." (*Eph. 4; 1 Cor. 12; Matt. 28:18-20; Eph. 1:22-23; Phil. 2:2:1-5*)

MISSION: We believe that every follower of Christ is called to be a minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ (*1 Pet 2:6-10; Matt. 28:18-20 2 Cor. 5:14:21*). Leaders are to equip God's people to fulfill their God-given purpose on this planet (*Eph. 4:11-13*) in a way that cooperates with their unique gifting, within the context of teams and that is fueled by love. (*Rom. 12:3-13*)

SPIRITUAL GIFTS: We believe that Jesus is the giver of spiritual gifts as a sign of his victory over sin, death & Satan for the building up of His Church. (*Eph. 4:7-13*). We believe that all the gifts are at work and in operation today in His church and the expression of these gifts within the context of the worship service should be done in an orderly manner under the authority of the Leadership Council of Awakening Church. (*1 Cor. 14*)





BAPTISM & COMMUNION: We believe that Jesus left 2 ordinances for the church that are both memorial and mysterious in nature: Baptism and Communion. Baptism is the public identification of the believer in the Body of Christ and is representative of the Holy Spirit's work in the heart of the believer; identifying with Christ in His death, burial & resurrection through submersion into water (*Matt. 28:18-20*). Communion (the Lord's Supper) is the active remembrance of the community of believers of Christ death until He returns and should be practiced with reverence and self-examination (*1 Cor. 11:23-26*)

THINGS TO COME: We believe in and expectantly wait for the glorious return of the Lord Jesus Christ. When He returns He will restore all things and reign victorious (*1 Cor. 15:51-57; 1 Thess. 4:13-18*). We believe that all people will experience a bodily resurrection and stand before the judgment seat of Christ. Those who have placed their faith in Jesus will be ushered into the very presence of God experiencing eternal life (heaven). Those who have rejected the offer of salvation will experience eternal separation from God (hell). (*Lk 16:19-26; Rev. 20:11-15; Heb. 9:26a-28*)



LOVE: Jesus was very clear about what mattered most to Him. He said, "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." (*John 13:34-35*, See also *1 Corinthians 1*). The Bible doesn't say that we'll be known for our beliefs, or what we say. The Bible declares that we – as disciples of Jesus Christ – will be known by our love. Love matters most because to God, people matter most.





MEMBERSHIP STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT

As part of Awakening Church,

I commit to follow Christ as the Leader and Rescuer of my life.

I commit to uphold Awakening's Statement of Faith.

I commit to take consistent steps in growing a compelling faith, life-giving practices, intentional relationships, meaningful ministry, and extravagant generosity.

I commit to join Awakening as a participating member in support of its mission to awaken this generation to new life in Christ.



Signature



Membership Date



CONTACT INFORMATION

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***NOTE:** The above statement of commitment will be provided at Team Night of Aug 25. If you are unable to attend, please go to the 201 webpage for an updated and official commitment form. Thank you.

