

GROUP STUDY GUIDE

WEEK OF OCTOBER 8, 2023 | WAKE UP!

WARM UP QUESTION

What's your typical morning wake-up routine?

DISCUSS

Read [Ephesians 5:13-17](#)

- What words or themes do you see in this text?
- What's the difference between being awake and asleep in life? When have you experienced one or both of these in your own life, and how did they manifest themselves?
- Our world tempts us with darkness in so many ways. As you think about the current situations in your own life, how is God challenging you to "walk as a child of light" as outlined in this passage?
- This passage speaks to the stewardship of our lives. Paul shares that the days are evil and that we should make the best use of the time God has given us. Why do you think this matters?
- As it relates to you, what would it look like to best steward your life, to make the best use of this one life God has given you? What might keep you from doing those things, and how could you let God transform you in them?
- Read [Isaiah 60:1-2](#). How do you currently see or want to see God's light shine in you and through you? How could you be more awakened or attuned to the opportunities in front of you to shine His light to others?

Read [Revelation 3:1-6](#)

- What is Jesus saying to the church in Sardis? What stands out to you about His words and His caution to them?
- The church in Sardis had a reputation for being alive but were in fact dead. Are there areas of your life that appear good on the surface but could be described as "dead" or "almost dead" underneath?
- Sardis was encouraged to repent and turn to Jesus again. In what ways is He calling you to do the same? What would this require of you?
- There's a strong warning for those who don't wake up (verse 3) and a reward for those who do (verses 4-5). Talk about the contrast between these two directions and what they lead to. How do they connect to the phrase, "Now is the time," particularly when you think about what God is calling you to in this particular season and the urgency of it?

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RESPOND

Reflect on what you just discussed. What is God prompting you to do next so that He can do a work in you? How about through you? Share your next step with your group, including when you'll do it, and write it in your Awaken Guidebook (page 54).

PRAY

As we enter into Awaken, spend some time praying together as a group. Pray for God to awaken you to the urgency of this moment in time and the role that you play in bringing light into a dark world. Ask God to first do a work in you so that He can work through you and our church to advance God's Kingdom. You can pray in pairs, small groups, or have multiple people pray out loud.