



COUNTER CULTURE

TRANSFORM, NOT CONFORM

“Awaken: When God Awakens Our Lives”

For the week of July 30 - August 5, 2017

Main Thought:

Sleep. We all like it. We all need it. If some of us could have our way, we would stay asleep as long as we could. Unfortunately, we aren't made to sleep forever. Eventually we all have to be awakened from our sleep and start our day. Jesus doesn't want our relationship with Him to be one that we “sleep” through; He wants our hearts to be awakened so that our lives can be used by Him. Jesus will change us and do miraculous things through us so that others will know that He is real. Once we are awakened to follow Him, we can't fall back asleep.

Main Passages:

“Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. ⁶So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. ⁷Then after this he said to the disciples, ‘Let us go to Judea again.’ ⁸The disciples said to him, ‘Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?’ ⁹Jesus answered, ‘Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. ¹⁰But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him.’ ¹¹After saying these things, he said to them, ‘Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him.’” (John 11:5-11 ESV)

“So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, ‘Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me.’ ⁴³When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, ‘Lazarus, come out.’ ⁴⁴The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, ‘Unbind him, and let him go.’” (John 11:41-44 ESV)

Discussion Questions

Higher: Getting closer to God

- Share about a time when you were woken up from a deep sleep. How did you react?

Deeper: Applying God's Word in community

- As a community, pray for each other to discover what God is trying to awaken in your hearts.

Wider: Impacting Your World

- Who is one person that needs to start a relationship with Jesus? Pray for them with your G2 and invite them to G2 and service.

