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# AWAKEN

**... Living Witnesses**

John 1:19-28; Acts 1:8

# Transformation

This week we're learning about God's faithfulness and His power. We're learning how God brings about change in us and how through that change, the world around us can see God more clearly.

## WATCH THE VIDEO

### [NorthlandChurch.net/Studies](https://NorthlandChurch.net/Studies)

Afterward have someone read the discussion questions in the "Hear God's Story" section and start the conversation.



## Share Your Story

Begin by praying together. This should be a brief, simple prayer in which you invite God to give you insight as you study. You can pray for specific requests at the end of your time together or stop momentarily to pray if a particular situation comes up during your discussion.

***Then begin your time together by discussing the following questions.***

- What are some of the relationships or interests that you represent in your day-to-day life?
- What are some positive ways you've presented those interests?  
What are some negative ways?

## Hear God's Story, and Create a New Story

### READ JOHN 1:19-28 (NLT) & READ ACTS 1:8 (NASB)

- What two things happen to us when the Holy Spirit becomes a part of our lives, according to Acts 1:8?
- How did the world respond to John the Baptist displaying his faith, as we see in John 1?
- What are some of the places where we look for power or transformation?
- What are the limitations to the transformation that comes from ourselves? From things of the world? What are the limitations on the power of the Spirit?
- What are some of the signs that reveal the limitations of our own power? What are some of the signs that reveal the limitations of the power of the world?
- Galatians 5 outlines the effects of the power and presence of the Spirit on our lives. What are the signs of the Spirit's power?
- What are some of the ways we witness through our lives? How do those signs reveal God's power through our lives?
- What are some places where you can arrange your life around Jesus more so you can experience and reflect the fullness of God?

***Give each person an opportunity to share prayer requests.***

## Find Your Story in God's Story

If you feel God is nudging you to go deeper, take some time between now and our next discussion to dig into His Word. Explore the Bible passages related to this session's theme on your own, jotting your reflections in a journal or in this study guide. Want to go deeper? Select a few verses, and try paraphrasing them, writing them in your own words. If you'd like, share them with the group the next time you meet.

**Many times in Scripture we're called to be witnesses. But those calls are rooted in a bigger invitation – to be people who see Jesus, to be people who follow Jesus, and to be people transformed by Jesus. Our role as witnesses is fundamentally to point out the goodness of God, and one of the chief proofs we can share is the redemptive work God is doing in our lives. As we continue to follow Jesus and find the Spirit bringing about change in our lives, we'll continue to build a body of evidence through our very lives that shows the glory and goodness of the gospel.**

### READ GALATIANS 5:16-21 (NLT)

- What are the “two forces” constantly fighting in the lives of followers of Jesus?
- What is some of the fruit of living according to the world?
- What does that fruit tell us about the limitations a life built on the power of the world offers?

### READ GALATIANS 5:22-26 (NLT)

- What is the fruit of the Holy Spirit?
- What's the difference between a life defined by the Spirit's power and a life defined by the world's power? What do those differences reveal about God's character?
- Why does that fruit hold such an appeal to the world around? Who are some people that might need to experience God's love, as well as the other fruit of the Spirit, through your life?

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