



GROUP STUDY GUIDE

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 3, 2024 | AN UNFINISHED STORY

WARM-UP QUESTION

What is something significant you've seen God do since we started the Awaken journey?

DISCUSS

Start your discussion by sharing what stood out to you from Sunday's sermon. Were there any new insights or key takeaways for you?

Read Ephesians 5:13-17

- What themes do you notice in this text? Where do you see repetition? Why do you think Paul included those themes and repeated those ideas?
- Paul wrote this letter to the Ephesians because they had lost their original love for Jesus. What does the imagery Paul uses in this passage tell us about how easy it is to lose our original love for Jesus? Do you think this happens slowly or quickly and what do you think leads people to lose their love for Jesus?
- What does it practically look like to walk carefully and not to be foolish?
- How do you know when you've fallen asleep in your faith? Would you describe yourself as awake or asleep right now?

Read Philippians 1:1-6

- What does this scripture tell us about Paul's relationship with the Philippians? Read each verse and notice what Paul points out about their relationship with him.
- What do these verses teach you about God? Where do you see hope and help in them?
- Do you pray for your brothers and sisters in Christ like Paul prays for the Philippians? Who can you be praying for more intentionally? Write down his/her name so you remember to pray for them this week.

Read Philippians 1:27-30

- What stands out to you from this passage?
- · What does it mean to have the privilege of trusting in Christ and the privilege of suffering for Christ? Does the way you live reflect these privileges – why or why not?
- · What does this passage teach us about unity? What does it look like to remain unified in Christ? How can your Group live that out this week?

RESPOND

- Based on what you just discussed, what do you think God is prompting you to do in response? When will you do it?
- · Pray together as a group for the specific goals or areas of struggle that came up in your discussion. Thank God for revealing more of who He is, and ask Him to help you apply what He's prompting you to do this week.