



# ANOTHER AWAKENING

a 2-part sermon series  
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## ANOTHER AWAKENING - PART 1

### INTRODUCTION

God is always talking to His people. From time to time, the church experiences moments of 'awakening' from God. There is a revelation, an altar call, and many come forward in repentance. However, a common problem is that we receive an awakening, but have no idea what for. As a result, many people go back into 'slumber' - which is, back to their habitual patterns of living. There is little or no spiritual progress for the individual or the church.

In this sermon series, we unpack the objective of being awakened: to fulfil our personal God-given assignments on this earth.

Colossians 4:17 is addressed to a man called Archippus, who essentially is a symbol of the body of Christ. How so? We will learn more in the first of the two-part series.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Who is Archippus and how is his character relevant to us? Discuss each characteristic with your LifeGroup, and how you can/cannot relate to each one.
  - He is almost Anonymous, but mentioned by name.
  - He is aware but not Apathetic.
  - He learns to discern Assignments, not activities.
  - He is Anything but aimless.
2. Read Colossians 4. Do an inductive bible study (observations, interpretation and application). You may use the following as a guide.
  - i. Posture your heart. Spend some time in prayer and ask the Holy Spirit to be your teacher. Open your heart to the Lord to speak to you.
  - ii. Read the verses aloud.

- iii. Ask some context questions of the passage:
    - What sort of writing is this? (a letter, a poem, a narrative etc.?)
    - Are there any clues about the circumstances under which it was written?
    - What has happened so far in this particular book of the Bible?
  
  - iv. Some observation questions of the passage:
    - Are there any major sub-sections or breaks in the passage?
    - What is the main point or points?
    - What surprises are there?
    - What are the key words? What words or ideas are repeated?
  
  - v. Some leading questions of the text:
    - How does this passage relate to other parts of the book?
    - How does the passage relate to Jesus?
    - What does this teach us about God?
    - How could we sum up the meaning of this passage in our own words?
  
  - vi. Some application questions of the passage:
    - How does this passage challenge (or confirm) your understanding?
    - Is there some attitude I need to change?
    - How does this passage call on me to change the way I live?
3. John 3:16 is a common bible verse that encapsulates one's understanding of Christianity: the gospel of salvation. However, the gospel is far more than just one moment in our lives (i.e. when we accept the Lord). It is the gospel of the Kingdom. What exactly is the gospel of the Kingdom? How does this differ from the gospel of salvation?

## **WHAT WOULD YOU DO?**

If the church is an army, and we are soldiers, then we need to recognise that we are being trained to operate in the Areas of Operation (our mission grounds), as opposed to staying in our Assembly Area (the church).

Do you know where your Area of Operation is, and will you say yes to the King's assignment for you? Share your thoughts with your LifeGroup and take turns to pray for each other, committing to keeping each other accountable in your journey to fulfilling your personal kingdom assignments.

Your kingdom assignment will fit into a greater picture of a national and global destiny!

## **CHANGE YOUR MINDSET**

*And say to Archippus, "See that you fulfil the ministry that you have received in the Lord." - Colossians 4:17*