

## Awakened to Reconciled Relationships

### Awakening Series

#### Discussion Questions

- **Icebreaker | What controversial issue became the most divisive in your personal relationships over the last three years?**
- Throughout history God has used Awakenings (historic revivals) to turn the tide of the cultural conflict of the day. If God chooses to bring revival in our lifetime, what are your hopes for that personally and culturally?
- **Read Matthew 5:43-44.**
  - Who were the enemies in Jesus' day?
  - How did Jesus not only love his political & social enemies, but how did he love us "while we were still enemies" (see Romans 5:8-10 if needed)?
  - How can you practically love your enemies?
- **Read Matthew 5:21-22.**
  - Why does Jesus say unrighteous anger is liable to judgment?
  - Describe the difference between Jesus' righteous anger & the unrighteous anger described in Matthew 5.
    - Consider how Jesus responded when others were mistreated, versus how he responded when he himself was mistreated
      - Have someone read **1 Peter 2:23** as an illustration.
- **Read Matthew 5:23-24.**
  - Notice the context of the parable is worship. How does relational **discord disrupt worship?**
    - Notice the inconvenience of "leaving your gift at the altar." How might you be inconvenienced to reconcile personal relationships?
  - Jesus calls us to **First GO & be reconciled to your brother.**
    - How important is it to acknowledge the offense?
    - Why is it important to go directly to the offended party, rather than pulling others into the conflict?
    - Why is it important to resolve the conflict quickly?
  - Jesus then calls us to come and offer your gift- to return to worship with a renewed spirit. **Reconciliation leads to renewal.**
    - How have you seen reconciled relationships renew your own worship?
- **Consider the gospel growth grid- which gospel identity requires us to reconcile relationships in the church?**
  - How does God's identity & his activity precede this call on your life to reconciliation?
- **Spend time as a group praying over people who have unreconciled relationships. Call each other to reconcile quickly.**