

## **Awakened to a Better Fight**

### *Awakening Series*

#### Discussion Questions

- Icebreaker | What is your most irrational fear?
- John Owens famously said, “Be killing sin or it will be killing you,” but the reality is we tend to play with sin or ignore sin, rather than “be killing” sin. Describe a time in your life where you got too comfortable with your own sin and it came to be destructive in your life.
- Read Romans 8:13.
  - What are the two options we have for relating to sin?
  - Describe the cause/effect relationship Paul describes in this verse.
- Read Romans 6:1-7.
  - What does it mean by saying, we are “dead to sin?”
    - Consider the penalty of sin, the power of sin versus the presence of sin. (set free from the penalty of sin and power of sin as your master, but that doesn’t mean we are free from the presence of sin. We live in a broken world)
  - Focus on verses 6-7. If our old self is crucified, how does that impact our relationship to sin?
- Read Romans 6:9-11.
  - How did Jesus kill sin?
    - Describe the work of the gospel in dealing with our sin.
  - So, if we want to fight our sin- what do we do to awaken to that fierce fight?
    - What strategies don’t work?
- The gospel must be the context by which we kill sin.
  - How does Repenting and Believing in the gospel impact this fight?
  - How does that identity inform your activity? What spiritual disciplines do we use to fight sin?
  - What role does confession play in fighting sin?
- Spend time as a group in confession. Consider dividing into smaller groups or prayer partners if appropriate.