

## SPICE - Come Alive

Ice-Breaker: Have you made any New Year's resolutions? Have you kept up with them?

**Spiritual boredom: the condition of finding life, faith or God uninteresting** – “I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! So, because you are lukewarm – neither hot nor cold – I am about to spit you out of my mouth.” (Rev. 3:15-16)

“I know your deeds; you have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead. Wake up!” (Rev. 3:1b-2a)

How would you rate your spiritual condition on a spectrum from “boredom to lukewarm to exciting”? Or, as Revelation 3:1-2 says, are you spiritually busy but dead? Put a thermometer in your Spiritual life and tell your group the temperature.

- **Watch out! Don't settle your soul in the comforts of “average”** – “If you have raced with men on foot and they have worn you out, how can you compete with horses? If you stumble in safe country, how will you manage in the thickets by the Jordan?” (Jer. 12:5)

‡ **If you “sow” a half-hearted effort, you “reap” a half-baked result** – “Then he said, ‘Take the arrows,’ and the king took them. Elisha told him, ‘Strike the ground.’ He struck it three times and stopped. The man of God was angry with him and said, ‘You should have struck the ground five or six times; then you would have defeated Aram and completely destroyed it. But now you will defeat it only three times.’” (2 Kings 13:18-19)

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. (Gal. 6:9)

In what areas of your spiritual life have you sat in the “comforts of average?” In other words, what have you sowed a “half-hearted effort,” and looking back, what have you reaped as a result? In what specific ways, could you leave the comforts of average/half-hearted effort and move forward?

- **Wake up! Don't forget you are made for something great** – “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.” (Jer. 1:5)

The hour has come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. (Rom. 13:11b)

Explain a time in which you were really awake in your faith. What were the factors that made it so? Is there anything in your power in which you could duplicate that now?

‡ **Personal passion is linked to kingdom purpose** – “Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.” (Phil. 3:13-14)

As it relates to your faith in Jesus Christ, what are you passionate about? Are you currently pursuing that passion now? What gets in the way if not? Ask your group if they have noticed anything about you and your passions.

- **In Christ, you have already been raised from the dead** – “But because of His great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions – it is by grace you have been saved.” (Eph. 2:4-5)

- **From sin**
- **By love**
- **To life**
- **With purpose**
- **Through faith**
- **For good works**

Maybe we need to rely on the Holy Spirit to wake us up in the areas of faith in which we've been sleeping. Take

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some time to pray and ask God through the Holy Spirit to assist you in coming alive again in your faith and that it would sustain through 2019 and beyond.