

# AWAKE, O SLEEPER

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June 6th & 7th

**Speaker:** Dr. Mark Batterson

**Scripture:** Revelation 7:9-10; 1 Corinthians 12:12-13

### Message Overview

This is a teachable moment for us as a nation. God is WAKING us up. God is SHAKING us up. If we are humble enough to repent of racism and bold enough to believe for reconciliation, God will shake generational sins and break generational curses.

### Discussion Questions

Begin your discussion agreeing that you are in a judgement-free zone, and are agreeing to have teachable and humble hearts. Read back over the [Four Practices of Peacemaking](#), from our Fall Sermon Series on Peacemaking, and ask the Holy Spirit to guide your time together.

Spend some time as a group reflecting on the following questions:

- How are you processing what is happening in your city?
- How are you caring for yourself this week?
- How are you caring for those who are of a different racial background than you?

Bishop Walter Harvey says, "You have to see different before you can do different." What are you seeing that's different than before? What can you do different in response?

Paul challenges us that "our responsibility as the body of Christ is to be ministers of reconciliation." What does that look like practically in your personal life? What does that look like in the context of race?

How do you engage in learning someone's story, their personality, their culture, and what they believe?

"Spirituality is shaped by ethnicity." What do you think Pastor Mark means by this? What does it mean to you?

Spend some time reading 1 Corinthians 12:12-13. What stands out to you about the unity and diversity of the Body?

### Practical Application

- We have all taken in and processed this week in different ways. For some, it may have triggered trauma or a point of pain in our lives. For others, it may have caused you to feel completely numb. Whatever your response has been, if you feel like you need some extra support or a safe place to process – we would love to connect you to a counselor that we trust. Visit [ncc.re/support](http://ncc.re/support) for more details.
  
- What do we do now? Pastor Mark shared:
  - 1. Stay grounded in God's word.**
  - 2. Keep climbing the stairs to the "Upper Zoom"** until June 10. Visit [ncc.re/breakthrough](http://ncc.re/breakthrough) for more details. Even after June 10, spend time in prayer seeking the Lord and asking for words of knowledge and for guidance.
  - 3. Keep putting on the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness.** Start your mornings and/or end your day in worship to our God.
  
- Visit [ncc.re/reconcile](http://ncc.re/reconcile). This is a space with resources and groups designed to equip each of us as we grow in reconciliation and the fight against racism and injustice.
  
- Be a learner within community. Find time to read and study various voices on ideas around race alongside others who are hoping to learn and grow. Here are some recommendations from NCC Staff:
  - [\*Be the Bridge\*](#) by Latasha Morrison
  - [\*Dream With Me\*](#) by John Perkins
  - [\*White Awake\*](#) by Daniel Hill
  - [\*Trouble I've Seen\*](#) by Drew G. I. Hart