

AWAKEN

NASHVILLE

SERMON SERIES OVERVIEW

Week 1

Awaken us to the people around us.

Luke 10:25-37

As we begin our month-long journey of prayer and fasting, we will begin by looking at the story of the good Samaritan. Throughout the month, this story will serve as an anchor to help our people expand their imaginations for life with Jesus in the city. In this beautiful and provocative teaching, Jesus challenges our understanding of what it means to be a neighbor. We will ask Jesus to open our eyes to the people all around us who desperately need to experience the love and kind of Jesus through us.

Week 2

Awaken us to your presence with us.

Luke 10:1

In the second week of our series, we will explore the way intimacy with Jesus is central to the mission that God has called us to embrace. Intimacy with Jesus not only precedes life on mission with Jesus, but it also sustains it. In the moments leading up to Jesus commissioning the disciples, the disciples found themselves walking in close friendship with Jesus. In Luke 10:1, Jesus makes it clear that not only would their mission come “after this” moment of intimacy, but he would indeed be in all of the places “they were about to go.” The presence of God not only draws us in, but also sends us out — however he never sends us out alone. In this week’s teaching, we will help people prioritize their friendship with Jesus, while understanding the connection between intimacy and mission.

Week 3

Awaken us to your purpose for us.

Luke 10:1-3

In week 3, we will explore the ways in which Jesus has called us to “go.” Just as Jesus was sent — so are we being sent. For some, being sent will involve moving to another city or country, but for many it will merely involve us opening our eyes to the places in which we have already been sent by Jesus. In this

week's teaching, we will seek to help people embrace God's purposes for them in all of the places where they currently live, work, and play.

Week 4

Awaken us to your power within us.

Luke 10:5-10

In week 4, we will explore the ways in which Jesus empowers us to both demonstrate and declare the good news of the kingdom. Jesus reminds us that both *our words* and *our works* will require the power of the Holy Spirit if they are to be useful in helping others see the beauty of the Jesus. The good news is that Jesus promises to fill us with power as we faithfully bear witness to his work in our lives. In this week's teaching, we will challenge people to trust Jesus beyond the edge of their current comfort zone when it comes to demonstrating and declaring the good news for the good of those around them.

Week 5

Awaken us to your perspective for us.

Luke 10:17-24

In the final week of our series, we will focus on the necessity of being defined by *who we are* in Jesus, not *what we do* for Jesus. After returning from an amazing "*mission trip*," the disciples in Luke chapter 10 are rightfully excited. Jesus meets them in their moment of joy, and then reminds them to not place their hope in the outcomes of their service to God. Jesus reminds them that their joy is ultimately not found in their spiritual performance, but in their grace-given position in the family of God. As we conclude our month-long journey of prayer and fasting, we will help our people celebrate where they saw God at work, as well as name the places where things did not go as expected. And then, whether in the successes or struggles, we will remind people that our ultimate joy is found in who we are in Jesus, not in what we do for him.