

# General Session III Notes

**Event:** *The Awakening Conference Workshop*

**Message:** “Awakened for Such a Time as This”

**Speaker:** Pastor Keith Graham



**The Awakening** – to become spiritually aware of our relationship with God and can discern the signs of the times, so NWCC can know what to do at such a time as this.

## **Objective:**

The aim of this session is to awaken the Christ Followers of NWCC to know we have a **call upon our church family** as “**such a time as this**” to be used by God to increase Disciples of Christ for the kingdom of God.

Reference: Esther 4:4

## **Overview:**

In this session we discuss the organizational structure of our church and “**what we must do**” in “**such a time as this**” to be **spiritually awakened** to connect all nations of people with the gospel of Christ.

Reference: Romans 13:11

- Church Assembly
- Spiritual words with spiritual people
- The Awakening - “What to do in such a time as this.”

## **I. Church Assembly**

- Our Community
- Our C.O.R.E. Values
- C3 Community
  
- **Community** – We’re **united in heart** and **mind**. And what we own is not our own, so we **share everything**. Acts 4:32
  
- “**Community** thrives on communication, coordination and cooperation.” Exodus 24:7

## **Our C.O.R.E. Values**

Christlike – our behavior

Outreach – our ministry

Relationships – our covenant

Excel – our productivity

## **C3 Community**

**Covenant**

**Culture**

**Connection**

**Covenant** – Christ ‘s **covenant** with the church has become our **covenant** with one another.

- **Promote** (uphold)
- **Protect** (cover)
- **Prosper** (bless) our church family

**Culture** – Our way of living in Christ (beliefs):

- **Management** – Congregationalist
- **Mission** – Connecting the World to Christ
- **Message** – Biblical worldview
- **Membership** – Covenant relationship
- **Ministry** – W.O.R.D. Strong
- **Model** – Christlike behavior
- **Money** – Tithe...Offerings...Firstfruits
- **Motto** – “All the Lord commands we will obey.”

**Connection** – Our fellowship in Christ

- **Worship** – *serving in the ministry of Christ*
- **Outreach** – *increasing followers of Christ*
- **Relationships** – *doing life together in Christ*
- **Discipleship** – *disciplining to become Christlike*

## 2. Spiritual Words with Spiritual People – 1 Corinthians 2:13-15

**Example:** Jesus and Disciples – John 6:56-69 (NLT)

**Identity Gospel** – Christ followers become divided by preaching a gospel that identifies Christ in a bias way concerning divisive cultural issues such as race, politics, social justice, etc.

“We want to be a **spiritually awakened** church not a **racially, socially or politically** woken church.”

We’re talking about being **spiritually** woke, so we can know what to do **racially, politically** and **socially** in such a time as this to **connect** the world to Christ.

“**My Kingdom** is not an **earthly** kingdom. If it were, my followers would **fight** to keep me from being handed over to the Jewish leaders. But my **Kingdom** is not of this world.” **John 18:36(NLT)**

**Example:** Politics - Jesus and Caesar (Taxes) – Mark 12:15-17

## 3. The Awakening – “We’re going back to the basics!”

What puts us into a deep sleep: Mark 4:18-19

- a) **Cares** of this world
- b) **Comforts** of this world

c) **Contentment** with this world

a) Proclaim the \_\_\_\_\_ - This is the consistent, unchangeable, and constant **message** of the church

**Mark 16:15.** “Go into **all** the **world** and **proclaim** the **gospel** to the **whole** creation.”

“You center your life around the events of the gospel (Christ’s death, burial and resurrection).”

**2 Corinthians 2:15.** He died for everyone so that those who receive his new life will **no longer** live for themselves. Instead, they will love for Christ, who died and was raised for them. (NLT)

b) Make \_\_\_\_\_ - This is the consistent, unchangeable, and constant **ministry** of the church – didn’t say go vote!

Matthew 28:18-20, Romans 8:29

- **Mission** – “Go make disciples of all nations”
- **Membership** – “baptize them”
- **Maturity** – “teach them to obey the commands I have given you”
- **We live by faith.** “We teach Christ will not only make your **life** better but make you become **Christlike**. “The best life you can live now is arranging your life around following Christ.”
- **We teach apologetics.** We need to know how to defend our faith against those who **oppose** Christ and have the ability explain to the salvation of Christ for those who seeking. 1 Peter 3:15

c) \_\_\_\_\_ the time – This is the consistent, unchangeable, and constant **mindfulness** of the church to know God’s time, by the **events** and the **seasons**.

- **Seven Feast of Israel**– Events and Seasons

### **Spring Season – First coming of Christ**

1. Passover (April) – Death of Christ
2. Unleavened Bread (April) –Sinlessness of Christ
3. Firstfruits – (April) Resurrection of Christ
4. Pentecost – (May/June) Holy Spirit of Christ/Church

### **Fall Season – Second coming of Christ**

5. Trumpets – Rapture of the church (September)
6. Atonement – Christ returns to Israel (September/October)

## 7. Tabernacles – Kingdom age of Christ