

# Awaken Invitation

*Join the community and partner in the vision*

We are inviting you to the greatest party on earth - a taste of Heaven! It is God's desire that His people, the Church, gather together and form a community that expresses the rich variety of God's Wisdom to the world.

When the church gets it right, the Good News of Jesus is spread through our network of friendships and we get to participate in the spiritual and eternal redemption of our friends and family; we are able to experience authentic fellowship with each other and with God; we have the opportunity to see our faith mature into compassionate and courageous action; and we find true satisfaction with our lives as we give ourselves away.

(Ephesians 3:10, Acts 2:42-47, Colossians 2:4-6, 1 John 1:3-4, Matthew 10:39)

These things give us a taste of Heaven and express the rich variety of God's Wisdom!

In order to join the party, it is exceedingly important that Christians engage in at least these four rhythms: **Personal Growth**, **Redemptive Friendships**, **Serving**, and **Group Growth**. So, we invite you to deeply value personal times of Prayer, responding to Scripture, and living in worship. We invite you to care deeply about the eternal path of your friends; to pray for them, to pray for opportunities to speak to them concerning Christ. We invite you to live your life around the idea that God has created you as a gift from God *to others* and not merely a gift to yourself; to realize how God has shaped you and seek to serve according to your design. We invite you fully engage in the life of the church by attending gatherings whenever possible, participating in small groups, and diligently pursuing discipleship relationships.

This might all be overwhelming! Our hope is that accepting this invitation will motivate you to take one step forward! Maybe you've been at the party for a long time and you recognize the value of all the above rhythms, but maybe this is your first time to the party? If that is the case, we invite you to pick one of the rhythms to begin with and begin building on that. Which one will you focus on?

Please place this invitation somewhere that will cause you to look at it periodically and keep building these rhythms into your life as you help us create a taste of Heaven for others.

Please R.S.V.P! \_\_\_\_\_