



AWAKEN

MARCH 7-8, 2020

**NORTHLAND
CHURCH**

Sleepwalking. It's what most of us do—not just at night but every day. Going through the motions, experiencing the routines, fulfilling the obligations, fighting the challenges... all the while pushing back a question gnawing at our core:

“What is life for?!”

Is life merely when cells are reproducing and a heart is beating? Every one of us has a persistent hunch there's more to the depth and dance of our existence than mere physical and scientific definitions. But where do we turn for a fuller, more accurate and credible understanding?

Two thousand years ago, a Galilean fisherman named Zebedee had two sons, James and John. The brothers were adventurous and opinionated and lived life in large fashion—in fact, they were given the nickname “Sons of Thunder” for their exuberance.

One day while they were working with their father repairing their fishing nets, a Rabbi named Jesus came to the lakeshore and called them both to be His disciples. Little did they know the dimensions and implications of that call or the true identity of the One who was calling them. But follow Him they did... and their understanding and experience of life were forever changed as a result.

The two brothers developed a close relationship with Jesus—especially John. Not only was he one of Jesus' disciples, but he became part of Christ's “inner circle” of companions, and of those, John was probably the closest to Jesus. It was John who sat next to Jesus, and actually leaned against Him, during the disciples' final supper together the night before He was crucified. And it was John to whom Jesus, as He was being crucified, entrusted the future care of Mary, His mother.

During those years of following Jesus—absorbing His teaching, watching Him live, listening to His laughter and wisdom, observing Him interacting with people, seeing Him die on the cross, witnessing His resurrection from the dead and ascension to the Father, receiving His Spirit and then devoting his life to serving Christ's Kingdom purposes—John was impacted at the core of his life story and eternity.

As the days turned into decades, John became a principal leader of the expanding community of Christ's followers hundreds of miles north in the large and influential region of Asia Minor. In the sunset years of his life, John, under the leadership and inspiration of Christ's Spirit, began to write down what he had seen and heard so people like us could enter into the same understanding and experience of life John had—a view of Life authored and enabled by Jesus.

Through John's firsthand observation and experience of Jesus... through his relationship with Him... and through the inspired words he wrote... we meet the Author of Life and the Redeemer of our stories. On the pages of this Gospel of John, Jesus beckons us with an invitation. With a call. With a summons.

“Believe and follow Me, and you'll taste Life as I intended for it to be lived.”

In other words—**AWAKEN.**

UPCOMING SERVICES

- » **Mar 14-15 Communion** | AWAKEN | The Shepherd's Sacrifice | John 10:14-21 | Pastor Matt Heard
- » **Mar 21-22** | AWAKEN | The Best Sleeping Position | John 10:22-42 | Dr. Steve Brown

What's Current

Find out more information at NorthlandChurch.net or ask a connections team member wearing an orange lanyard for assistance.

Living Room Reset with Kirk Cameron

SUNDAY, MARCH 29 | 7-9 P.M. | SANCTUARY

For more info and to purchase tickets, visit NorthlandChurch.net/KirkCameron

Weekly Lent Content

VIDEOS BY PASTORS, BLOGS FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY, AND MORE!

For more info, visit NorthlandChurch.net/Lent

Good Friday Service

FRIDAY, APRIL 10 | NOON | SANCTUARY

For more info, visit NorthlandChurch.net/GoodFriday

Easter Worship Services | Invite a friend! | Volunteers needed!

SATURDAY, APRIL 11 | 5 P.M. | SUNDAY, APRIL 12 | 8, 10 A.M. & NOON | SANCTUARY

For more info and to volunteer, visit NorthlandChurch.net/Easter

Tithes and Offerings

What an incredible 10-day span in life of Northland Church!

We launched into last weekend hosting over 2,250 in concert with Amy Grant. For so many, it was a trip down memory lane of their musical Christian journey. During weekend worship, we were reminded of the beautiful truth of the Good Shepherd who calls each of us by name. All week, dozens of you transformed the foyer into a dazzling, colorful environment to honor dads and daughters during a spectacular Daddy Daughter Dance. In a very intentional vow ceremony, they pledged to honor one another according to God's will for their relationship. Then, as Jesus calls us to do, hundreds of you were His hands and feet, serving others in practical ways through our Local Serve Day. The weekend reached a crescendo with an evening demonstrating the essence of Fully Alive as we hosted our special need friends dancing the night away at Joy Prom 2020.

Thank you for all you do to **Engaging People to be Fully Alive in Jesus!**

First Quarter (QTR) 2020
January 1 – March 30



RESULTS AS OF 3/1/2020



Track along with us on the Northland App giving page!

If you'd like to learn more or have questions related to finances at Northland, contact our finance team at FinanceTeam@NorthlandChurch.net.

Ways to Give

Give via mobile text. Text "northland" to 77977.



Download and use the PushPay App.



Give online at NorthlandChurch.net/Give or use the Northland App.



Give by cash or check and drop it in any of our tithe boxes.



Give at the iPad stations located throughout the foyer.

