

The Voice of Charlotte Awake

AWAKE PRAYER

- Pray that the Lord will give faith to the church to believe that the harvest is plentiful.
- Pray for these fifteen “Multipliers” as we mentor them in outreach and disciple making.
- Pray for the Band of Brothers outreach ministry that the Spirit will call men and young men willing to make disciples.
- Pray for the students and faculty at Aborbrook Christian School who are using Bible Clusters in their discipleship.
- Pray for the Lord to raise up area pastors willing to mentor the “Multipliers” as they grow “Bible Clusters” into fully-functioning “Community Cluster” congregations.

Bible Clusters

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Want to help others encounter God through His word? Keep it simple and start a Bible Cluster!

Go to BibleClusters.org for video training and information.

THE MULTIPLIER LAB

Charlotte Awake has just wrapped up the sixth week of our eight-week “Multiplier Lab” designed for people who have a desire to introduce God’s peace to those who do not know Christ using our Bible Cluster model. These “Multipliers” are willing to share the gospel and make disciples in new ways that help the church continue to multiply particularly among the younger generations.

This past summer, the Lord led us to retool the Bible Cluster model to sharpen our focus on unbelievers as they engage Scripture with Christians and come to experience God’s love in Jesus.

This change was an inflection point for Charlotte Awake and raised a new set of challenges. But the church’s health in the coming generations is too important to ignore. Questions immediately began to pile up: *Where do we find people who don’t know God but are willing to read the Bible with others? What do we do to further disciple new believers from these Bible Clusters? What kind of disciple-making training does a Christian Bible Cluster facilitator need? What makes a Bible Cluster such an effective evangelism strategy in today’s culture? How messy will this get?*

These questions may be difficult to answer. Without a set ministry formula, or tried and true model to follow, even the most willing participants might hesitate. But we thank the Lord for the “Multipliers,” who are willing to step out in unconventional ways among a new generation of people that consider themselves “spiritual, but not religious,” and who do not have a predisposition toward Christianity or church.



We didn’t have to look far to find Multipliers willing to attend the first training lab. We already knew fifteen, and they knew us. All are different—different ages, different ethnicities, different occupations, different worship styles. But they share one thing; they feel God is calling them to pioneer a ministry multiplication movement to introduce God’s peace to the next generation one heart at a time.

So for eight weeks, we gather at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary to teach, to learn, to worship, to encourage, and to question once again, “*How will this work?*”

Every week, the Lord continues to show us as David Ingrassia teaches from the Bible about two spiritual kingdoms at war and about our mission to make disciples as Jesus sets the captives free. We are learning about prayer and the transformation that comes by encountering God through Scripture engagement. We are discovering the effectiveness of telling others how our stories are part of God’s greater story of salvation.

The Multipliers receive weekly homework to keep them engaged and to train them *in ministry*, not simply *for ministry*. We mentor them throughout the process that begins with prayer, sends them out two-by-two (Luke 10), and then establishes Bible Clusters among unbelievers.

Navigating this new way of sharing the gospel by bringing unbelievers to encounter God directly through His Word in a Bible Cluster can be a time-consuming challenge while Multipliers may be working a job, serving in local congregations, raising kids, and juggling life's many priorities. But again, each Multiplier senses the burden of God's call to fulfill the Great Commission in the face of the many challenges in bringing God's peace through Jesus to the next generations. Their eternal destinies are at stake, and the mission is urgent.

At the conclusion of the eight-week Multiplier Lab, Multipliers should have

greater clarity in identifying where and to whom God is sending them with the gospel. They will have shared their faith and established a Bible Cluster. They will learn to make disciples one heart at a time through the Holy Spirit's leading, gifting, and empowering. They will be helping the church multiply by making disciples in a new ministry multiplication movement.

We are incredibly grateful to the Lord for the Multipliers who are in the training lab this fall and ask you to consider praying for them.

Here is how you can pray and support the efforts of the Multipliers:

- Pray that the Lord will show each Multiplier their ministry field.
- Pray that the Lord will lead each Multiplier to a "two-by-two" ministry partner.
- Pray the Lord will raise up more Multipliers—workers for His harvest.

What's next?

In the new year, Charlotte Awake will hold "Multiplier Lab 2.0" geared specifically toward training Multipliers to accurately handle the Bible. We also plan to continue offering the initial "Multiplier Lab 1.0" in the spring for new pioneers.

HEADS BOWED, EYES CLOSED

By Alexandra Fisher

When Charlotte Awake asked me to serve in women's ministry, I was thrilled. Selfishly, I knew I was being given the opportunity to learn about God through Scripture and ministry. As soon as I walked in Charlotte Awake's office, I knew the Lord had brought me somewhere special.

Charlotte Awake has an unwavering commitment to prayer that I have not witnessed anywhere else. Not just passive, sweet, respectful prayers, but impassioned, pleading, sometimes tear-filled prayers that storm Heaven's gates. I had never heard such prayer. I knew the Lord was going to teach me much at Charlotte Awake, but I didn't expect Him to teach me how to pray—really pray.

I'm not a morning person, so the first early Tuesday morning prayer meeting was not exactly easy. Don't misunderstand me, I was excited as excited as a non-morning person could be, but as soon as heads were bowed and eyes were closed, I was wide awake. I was amazed to hear these men and women of God pray so boldly.

Nothing was prepared and nothing



planned. I realized I wasn't hearing your typical "Sunday morning" prayer. I was hearing their most intimate, pleading conversations with the Creator of their souls. What a gift! I have never heard anyone at Charlotte Awake pray in any way other than with this humility, passion, and faith that God would stand by His promises.

Learning how to pray like this affected my spiritual walk beyond what I expected. After more than a year asking God for His plan for my life, I now feel a strong calling into ministry. I believe that my growing prayer life has given me the ability to discern His voice clearly. I know I cannot respond in any way other than obedience.

I am currently applying to seminaries for a degree in Christian Counseling. I feel much closer to the heart of my God now that I have learned from these incredible

men and women how to boldly and confidently pray. I am so thankful that God gave me the opportunity to learn from their examples.

Prayer isn't a burden, a checklist item, a lucky charm, a prerequisite to dinner, or a way to transition the worship team off stage. Prayer is our open line of communication with the Creator, Guardian, and Lover of our souls, and I am so thankful that I was given the opportunity to learn from my Charlotte Awake family. *"Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need"* (Hebrews 4:16)

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