

Awaken Me

When I awake, I will be satisfied with seeing your likeness.
Psalm 17:15

Martinwood Pastor's Class

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Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him.- *Luke 9:32*

Let's get Started

❖ We're here to share, grow, encourage and be encouraged. To be refreshed and to learn how to refresh others. No one is here by accident. The people who have prayed for you and are praying for you today believe that **God has something transformational** in store for you.

❖ All **activities are optional**....but encouraged. Don't be afraid to try what's suggested even if it makes you feel uncomfortable. We're going to ask you to do some weird things and to step outside your comfort zone; go with us on this, ok?



❖ Competition comes natural for most of us. If you lined up all the ministers on the Interstate and turned them loose – the first thing that would happen is 80% would pull out to pass. We're here to be together as a group and **find encouragement** in one another, not get out yardsticks and measure our efforts.

❖ Leave your ego at the door. There is no place for pride or arrogance here. It's level ground at the foot of the cross.

❖ It's **OK to talk about:** People, relationships, What God is doing in your life? What God is doing in the lives of others around you? What you are praying for God to do in your own personal life; issues of your heart, situations where you are seeking godly counsel; fears you are facing, personal joys you are celebrating; frustrations that are eating at your heart.



❖ What happens at Martinwood Pastor's Class....stays at Martinwood Pastor's Class; we ask you to commit to **utmost confidence and privacy** in the things that are shared among prayer partners, in prayer teams, and whatever is shared with you in confidence. Thanks for not talking about others.....or ever using them as a sermon illustration.

❖ This time is about you and **your personal walk with God**. This is a way to improve how you present the Gospel to others in a structured, sensible way to bring people to Christ and show them the way to salvation.

Intro

from the speaker's desk

Dear fellow Kingdom builders,

Covid has turned everything upside down, including the church and your ministry. There have been times when you've felt and are probably still feeling stretched to the max. Out of necessity you've had to learn new ways of doing ministry. You're serving people in-person and virtually. Will life and ministry ever be "normal" again?

This class will provide direction and an opportunity to see ministry from a different perspective, be renewed and awakened refreshed to continue serving the living God.

*Think straight. **Awaken to the holiness** of life.*

1 Cor 15:34 {MSG}

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Let's awaken ourselves to what God has asked us to do. He looks to us to be His hands and feet. Let's get going to be the best we can.

Many pastors find themselves seeking the right strategies, tools and tactics to make their sermon effective and impactful. With the world what it was yesterday, is today and will be tomorrow – there's a lot to keep up with.

There are only so many hours in each day. The number of possibilities of how to approach sharing your experience, your testimony, and the Word of God, and many times within certain time limits, that is can feel overwhelming.

“Seek answers and you will be frustrated

Seek God and answers will find you”

Mark Denison

This class will help you make sense of the noise. It's going to help you make the most of the combination of topics, scripture and world events to present a message meant for the receivers of the message.

“God can't be found in noise.” (Mother Teresa)

When you've completed this course, you'll have prepared a framework for your next great presentation of God's message to the world. You'll have determined the best approach you'll want to take in any given situation, what you want to get across and how best to deliver His message using your words, your experience and biblical scriptures. You'll also complete the steps of writing your subject lines as well as determining the appropriate timing to get His message across, attaining the greatest impact.



The Sovereign LORD has given me a well-instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He awakens me morning by morning, awakens my ear to listen like one being instructed. - *Isaiah 50:4*

FRAMEWORK FOR MESSAGING THAT WORKS

OBJECTIVE:

“Computers are worthless...all they have are the answers.” (unknown)

Examples of objectives
Messaging objectives could include “the road to salvation,” “finding God,” “living relevant to the Word”

WHERE IS YOUR MESSAGING COMING FROM?:

- Topical
- Scriptural
- Personal
- World Events

MESSAGING TYPES:

Select one or two messages you might try:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Welcoming | <input type="checkbox"/> Today's world on God's terms |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Opportunity to become a Christian | <input type="checkbox"/> Saving yourself from the world |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion | <input type="checkbox"/> Revenge of satan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Walk the walk | <input type="checkbox"/> Getting help from God |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Goodwill | <input type="checkbox"/> Announcements |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other/Notes | |

CONTENT:

What will you talk about? Here are some starter questions to ask yourself to help you think about what to talk about, and suggestions.

Questions: What do you know that your audience doesn't – and why should it matter to them? What's "new" and exciting in the Word of God that pertains to your message – how will your message impact your audience. What's the most interesting thing that happened to you - why should the audience care? What "news" do you have for them – and what is your perspective on it?

My eyes are awake through the watches of the night, that I may meditate on your promises. *Psalm 119:148*

SUGGESTIONS TO KEEP THEM TALKING:

Select one or two you might like to try:

- What does it mean to be saved
- How to become born again
- When is the right time to pray
- Where can I talk about God
- Why God loves you too

- Is it safe to talk about God in public
- Being bold and courageous
- Tell a pertinent Bible story
- What God can do
- Why God does what he does for us

Other/Notes

"You cannot consistently perform in a manner which is inconsistent with the way you see yourself." (Zig Ziglar)

CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION:

Which channel(s) will you use to get your point across?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> PowerPoint | <input type="checkbox"/> Pertinent stories |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pictures | <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper/TV/Social Media |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scripture | Headlines |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Testimony | <input type="checkbox"/> Body language |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other/Notes | <input type="checkbox"/> Handouts |

SUBJECT LINES:

Use the 2-2-2 Principle to write a good subject line

- ✓ 2 seconds: you have 2 seconds to catch their attention
- ✓ 2 words: make the first two words count - -that's all your audience will read before making a decision to listen further or move on
- ✓ Today: subject line should answer the question "why does this message matter today?"

Measuring Response



Watch your audience
Attentive
Alert
Sleepy
Fidgety
Talkative

Change your delivery
A bit louder
Change direction
Ask/answer questions

*How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them! If I should count them, they would be more in number than the sand; **When I awake**, I am still with You. – Psalm 139:17-18*

NOTES:

Awaken Me Sermon Cheat Sheet Okay, so now what?

Now that you've captured your ideas for the various elements of a successful message, write down your final choices here:

- Your objective: _____

- Your Message Type: _____

- Content and other ideas: _____

- Channels: _____

- Subject Line: _____

- Audience participation: _____

You are not alone, unless you want to be. Don't forget you are the face, the hands and the feet of God. What you do, what you model, will be seen by others who will decide if Christianity is for them or if they want to continue being a Christian, or just walk away. You have an important mission and your attention to your life and the life God lays out for us in the Bible will determine the growth of the Kingdom.

Be human. Let your voice carry God's work. Like God told Paul when he was headed to Rome, just open your mouth and I'll fill it. Don't let your mouth be silent. Let your voice come through and be filled with the voice of God. Take the plan you've created and go forth to carry the Word of God to those looking to hear it....from you.

May God bless all that you do in His Name.