

Dangerous Prayers: “Awaken Me”

(2 Chronicles 7:13-16 & Acts 19:1-20)

1. When you read 2 Chronicles 7:13-16, is there anything which particularly strikes you? Why?
2. If you read on to 2 Chronicles 7:19-22, what strikes you, especially when contrasted to verses 13-16? Is God being reasonable?
3. Chris described verses 13-16 as God’s *‘if-then’* promise. How is God’s promise conditional? What are the *‘if-then’* conditions of verses 13-16 and of verses 19-22.
4. How ‘awake’ are you currently in your walk with God? Is your engagement with the spiritual disciplines (e.g. prayer, Scripture reading, confession, solitude and silences, worship, etc.) a good measure? Can you see any spiritual disciplines lists in 2 Chronicles 7:14-15?
5. Can you think of a time when you would admit to being spiritually asleep? What were the defining characteristics of such a state? How did you ‘wake up’ and why did you fall asleep?
6. Is our relationship with Jesus conditional, or unconditional? Is our relationship with Jesus established on an *if-then* basis? Chris said, *“The main thing about Christianity is not the work we do for God, but the relationship we maintain with God...and there are certain things we can do that help us maintain that relationship.”*
7. Have a look at Acts 19 together. How are God’s people spiritually awake or asleep in this text?
8. Do you have any thoughts about how Paul kept himself spiritually alive? What’s the role of the Holy Spirit?
9. Using the words of 2 Chronicles 7:14-15, spend some time praying together for God to keep you spiritually alive and awake in Christ.