

Part 1: Wake Up

## Introduction

The church's potential for good is off the charts because the way of Jesus is that good. In the following, there is a flourishing. It's time to wake up and unleash our potential for good.

## **Discussion Questions**

- 1. When you hear the word "church," what comes to mind? Generally good things or bad things?
- 2. When has there been a time when you have personally experienced the Church either getting it "wrong" or "right"?
- 3. Read Luke 6:27-36. What's the most challenging part of Jesus' words for you? How would you rate the Church's influence in the world in light of this passage? How would you assess your own influence?
- 4. Read Romans 13:7-14. Paul is imploring the Church in Rome to wake up. Why do you think the Church seems to have an ongoing tendency to fall asleep? How can we as the Church stay awake?
- 5. What is one step you can take this week to follow in the way of Jesus and help your community flourish?

## **Changing Your Mind**

The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let's put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light.

Romans 13:11-12