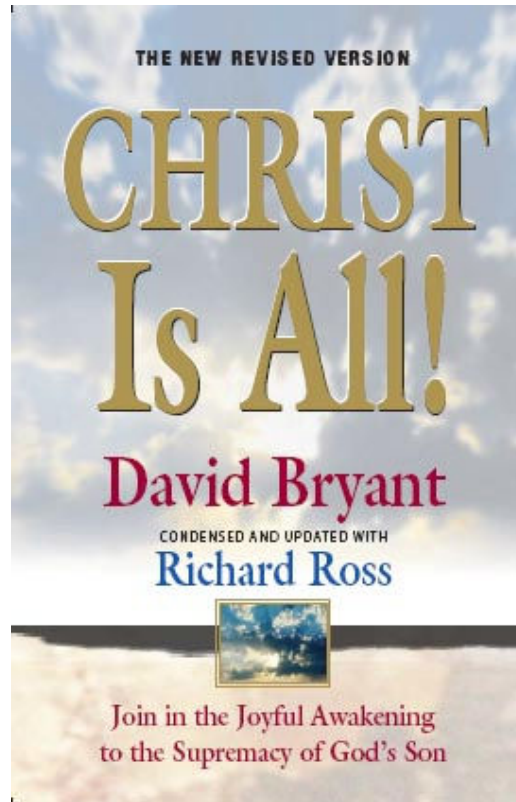


# Discussion Guide for Small Groups



## IN SEVEN SESSIONS

- Session 1: THE JOYFUL AWAKENING (foreword plus chapters 1–2)
- Session 2: OVERVIEW OF CHRIST'S SUPREMACY (chapters 3–9)
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- Session 4: IMPLICATIONS OF CHRIST'S SUPREMACY (chapter 14)
- Session 5: THE CRISIS OF SUPREMACY (chapters 15–19)
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- Session 7: WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE? (chapter 24, afterword, resources)

This document is a guide for a *book discussion*, not for a *Bible study*. However, you'll discover that the Bible *is* key in all seven sessions, even as it is foundational to every chapter in *Christ Is All!*

More precisely, this discussion guide is a *conversation starter*. The main purpose of each session is to help Christians share with one another fresh insights they're uncovering on the supremacy of Christ, based on assigned readings in *Christ Is All!* Hopefully the conversations that start with these sessions will go on after the gatherings end.

Actually, these seven sessions may seem more like the beginning of a *journey*. All along the way participants explore a vibrant, expanding vision of who God's Son is right now. At the same time

they discover greater reasons to put their hope in Him. Many will not want to stop pursuing this journey just because the sessions are over.

Ultimately, however, the goal for this study is that everyone involved experiences in some measure a “joyful awakening” to the supremacy of God’s Son—what the book calls a “*Christ Awakening*.”

**Sidebar:** For individuals without a group to join at the moment, this material can be helpful for in-depth, individual reflection on *Christ Is All!* Feel free to use the guide in that manner. On the other hand, there is no substitute for interacting with other believers when it comes to exploring biblical truths regarding the name, fame, and reign of our Lord Jesus Christ. These sessions were designed to launch a *corporate* focus on the vastness of Christ.

**For the small-group facilitator, the following guidelines will prove helpful:**

1. Just as you can’t go back to a place you’ve never been, so it is difficult to guide a group discussion about a book you’ve never read! Therefore, it is strongly recommended that the facilitator read the new, revised edition of *Christ Is All!*, all of it, prior to leading the first session.
2. You will also want to familiarize yourself with the *Discussion Guide*. If it is almost time for your small group to launch, you could compress this overview into seven evenings for you to go through the seven sessions before the group begins.
3. Most importantly, begin right now praying for the Holy Spirit to unfold a genuine Christ Awakening in your *own* heart and life as you prepare to lead your group!
4. Each session is built on assigned readings from the book. Help participants understand how important completing each assignment is for successful discussions. Reemphasize this at the close of each session. Also note: There is an assigned reading that *precedes* Session 1. So that everyone comes prepared to share right off the bat, make this clear to participants ahead of time when they sign up for the group and get their copies of *Christ Is All!* Also, right from the beginning, encourage participants to underline, highlight, write questions, etc. in their books as they read. They should bring their annotations with them to each meeting, to incorporate what they’ve learned into discussion times.
5. Where does the Bible come into this exciting journey? First of all, participants should be encouraged, as part of their assigned reading, to look up the recommended passage at the end of each assigned chapter, under “Going Deeper.” Point out that each passage is key to getting God’s heart on the topic of a particular chapter. Furthermore, as you’ll see below, every one of the seven sessions includes at least a ten-minute Bible study on a powerful text(s) about the greatness and glory of the Lord Jesus. This concludes with a prayer based on the passage(s). Coming near the beginning of each gathering, this focus on God’s Word about God’s Son sets an expectant tone for the rest of the session.
6. One more thing about assignments: Some sessions have more chapters to cover than others. All of the chapters are brief enough that if participants commit to reading one chapter a day between sessions, they can easily fulfill each assignment. You’ll note on session 4 that only one (somewhat longer) chapter is assigned. So at the end of session 3, observe that if participants have not finished reading all previous assigned chapters, the coming week would be a good time to get caught up.

7. Each session has been designed to last one hour. This allows it to fit into the normal time frame for a Sunday school class. Obviously, with “the supremacy of Christ” as the core focus of every gathering, there always will be more to talk about than possibly can be covered in 60 minutes. However, each session is broken down into segments that encourage a smooth, logical, and fruitful flow of conversation. That way, participants leave refreshed and motivated for the next session. It is recommended that facilitators follow the suggested sequence for maximum results. One other possibility: If your group meets outside Sunday school setting, such as an evening small group in a home, you may want to increase the time to 90 minutes; if so, adjust the timing on segments accordingly.
8. Sessions are broken down into the following segments:
  - **How Do *You* See God’s Son?** (opening conversation)
  - **How Does *God* See His Son?** (Bible study)
  - **What Do You Think About the Issues for This Session?** (discuss readings)
  - **What Do You Want to Do with the Issues?** (discuss applications)
  - **Seek God for a Christ Awakening Right Now** (based on that session’s issues)
  - **Press On!** (assignments for the next session)

*Explanations on session segments:*

- For the first three segments, questions are designed specifically to relate to the assigned readings for that session. Therefore, these questions vary from session to session.
  - However, the discussion guidelines for application segments are the same for every session, though naturally the responses to them will differ from session to session depending on the issues discussed.
  - A time frame is suggested for each segment within a session. You are urged to follow this approach so that every session maintains a good balance among all the segments. Be alert: the time frames are modified from session to session to give more emphasis to one segment or another.
  - Depending on how animated the conversations become, you may find there are more questions than you have time to cover. If time becomes a factor, feel free to select the ones that seem more helpful to your group.
  - Finally, for the concluding prayer times you are given seven key prayer concerns to help shape those final ten minutes. The content of the praying needs to reflect the issues just discussed, of course. The overall thrust of the prayers, however, should remain focused on seeking God for a Christ Awakening. That’s where these seven items come in. They pinpoint key developments expressed in every genuine Christ Awakening. Let them be your guide in prayer.
9. Regularly encourage participants to take notes *during* the sessions. That way, between gatherings they can meditate on the focus of the last session, possibly pursue further study on some of its topics, be reminded of insights into God’s Son to share with other believers right now and keep themselves accountable to next steps of obedience.

## Our prayer for you

May the Holy Spirit anoint you as the facilitator of these seven sessions, and use you to plant in many hearts a new vision of the glory of Christ.

May everyone involved with you experience, in deeply personal ways, what the book defines as a genuine *Christ Awakening*: “God’s Spirit using God’s Word to reintroduce God’s people to God’s Son for all He is.”

Each time you gather, may the Father transform every discussion into another road able to take all of you more fully to the feet of His dear Son.

Each time you gather, may you discover more of the reality of Paul’s experience as he relates it in 2 Corinthians 4:5-7 NIV:

For we do not preach ourselves,  
but Jesus Christ as Lord,  
and ourselves as your servants  
for Jesus’ sake.  
For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,”  
made His light shine in our hearts  
to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God  
in the face of Christ.  
But we have this treasure in jars of clay  
to show that this all-surpassing power is from God  
and not from us.

## Session 1

# THE JOYFUL AWAKENING

NOTE: It is assumed those participating in session 1 have prepared for it by reading the foreword plus chapters 1 and 2 in *Christ Is All! (CIA)*.

### ***How Do You See God's Son?*** (10 min)

- When was *the very first time* you can remember hearing someone talking about Jesus Christ? How old were you? What do you remember learning about Him that first time?
- If you could use only three descriptive words to help another believer understand who God's Son is to you personally, at this moment, what would those three words be?
- What do you personally hope to gain in your relationship to Jesus from these seven sessions of studying and discussing *Christ Is All!?*

### ***How Does God See His Son?*** (10 min)

#### PSALM 2

- What does this psalm tell us about who God's Son is and what He is doing among the nations *right now*?
- What does it mean to "kiss the Son" (Ps. 2:12 NIV)? What would this require of us today?
- Why do Christians often fail to see Him, seek Him, and share Him in larger ways that match what we learn of Him in this psalm?
- Have someone read Acts 4:23-31. Then have someone else close in a prayer that reflects the truths uncovered from the study of Psalm 2.

### ***What Do You Think About the Issues for This Session?*** (20 min)

- *Christ Is All!* talks about our need for a "Christ Awakening." At this point in our journey, what does this phrase mean to you?
- In what ways might such a work of God be needed inside our churches today?
- What difference might it make if the Holy Spirit unleashed such a Christ Awakening into your own life?
- Do you see any evidences of the kind of *crisis* the book talks about? In other words, do you see examples of shortfalls in how Christians see, seek, and share God's Son for *all* He is?
- How would you define the "*supremacy* of Christ"? How does this differ from what most believers mean when they talk about the "*centrality* of Christ"? Why is making a distinction between the two terms often helpful, even essential?
- How could enlarging your vision of the majesty and supremacy of Christ make a real difference in your life with Him and how you serve Him? Give examples.
- What questions or concerns about the issues of this session remain for you? What topics would you like to dig into more fully?

***What Do You Want to Do with These Issues? (10 min)***

- What is one truth from this session you'd like to share with your immediate family or closest friends in the coming week? Write it down so you don't forget it.
- What is one practical *new* step you might take in your walk with the Lord Jesus this week related to issues focused on in this session? Write it down and make sure you share it.
- How might this session change the ways you pray during the coming week?

***Seek God for a Christ Awakening Right Now (10 min)***

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***Press On!***

Next time—*CIA*, Chapters 3–9

Topic: OVERVIEW OF CHRIST'S SUPREMACY

## Session 2

# OVERVIEW OF CHRIST'S SUPREMACY

Assigned Reading: Chapters 3–9

### *How Do You See God's Son?* (10 min)

- In your opinion, what traits comprise the most vital personal characteristics of any respected national leader?
- In your opinion, what results best define significant successes by any effective national leader?
- How does the reign of Christ at this very hour in any way reflect the kinds of personal characteristics and significant successes we look for and value in any national leader?

### *How Does God See His Son?* (10 min)

REVELATION 1:4-7, 17-18

- What words and phrases in this passage help define and describe the “supremacy of God’s Son”? Explain what each means to you.
- Based on this passage, what are ways for us to respond to the glory of the supremacy of God’s Son?
- How does John suggest these truths should impact and change our lives day by day?
- Have someone close in a prayer that reflects the truths uncovered from the study of Revelation 1.

### *What Do You Think About the Issues for This Session?* (20 min)

NOTE: You may not have time to discuss adequately all of these issues, so feel free to choose the ones you feel would be most helpful to your particular group.

- Discuss the question of chapter 3: How does the supremacy of the Son fit with the Trinity?
- Discuss the question of chapter 4: What difference should it make that Christ is on the throne today?
- Discuss the question of chapter 5: How does Jesus sum up the Old Testament’s “shadows of supremacy”?
- Discuss the question of chapter 6: How does the Incarnation touch our personal experiences of hopelessness?
- Discuss the question of chapter 7: Why is the Cross the great crossroads of our future?
- Discuss the question of chapter 8: In what way do the Resurrection and the Ascension anchor every other hope for us?
- Discuss the question of chapter 9: Why does the Second Coming project a perfect portrait of our Lord Jesus?
- What questions or concerns about the issues of this session remain for you? What topics would you like to dig into more fully?

***What Do You Want to Do with These Issues?*** (10 min)

- What is one truth from this session you'd like to share with your immediate family or closest friends in the coming week? Write it down right now.
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Next time—*CIA*, Chapters 10–13

Topic: DIMENSIONS OF CHRIST'S SUPREMACY

## Session 3

# DIMENSIONS OF CHRIST'S SUPREMACY

Assigned Reading: Chapters 10–13

### *How Do You See God's Son?* (10 min)

- Be creative for a moment: If you were going to use an object (or an activity) found inside average American homes to help illustrate to a child some aspect of the supremacy of Christ, what would you choose? How would it help a child better understand this larger way of looking at Jesus?
- What passage of Scripture contains one of your favorite descriptions on the greatness and glory of God's Son? Why did you select that particular passage?

### *How Does God See His Son?* (10 min)

ACTS 2:22-24, 31-39

- What was the primary theme of Peter's sermon, the very first sermon of the New Testament Church? What does this tell you?
- What dimensions of Christ's supremacy does Peter highlight in his message?
- Of what does the promise in verse 39 consist? How true is this today?
- How fully should we expect Christ's reign to be manifested in our generation based on the teachings of this passage?
- Have someone close in a prayer that reflects the truths uncovered from the study of Acts 2.

### *What Do You Think About the Issues for This Session?* (20 min)

- What does the title "the Christ" convey? What does it tell us about who Jesus is? What are its implications for His reign today?
- The book refers to Jesus as the "Cosmic Christ"? In what ways does this phrase help expand our understanding of His majesty, authority, and saving power?
- Where does the cross fit into such a larger vision (see Col. 1:18-20).
- In what ways should our vision of Christ's preeminence in the consummation of all things shape how we see Him, seek Him and speak of Him right now?
- How would you describe the role of the Holy Spirit as related to the reign of the Lord Jesus today? What differences should His role produce in our lives and inside our churches?
- In what ways is a passion for Christ and His supremacy like "consuming" Him?
- How is such a passion even more like being "consumed" by Him?
- What questions or concerns about the issues of this session remain for you? What topics would you like to dig into more fully?

***What Do You Want to Do with These Issues? (10 min)***

- What is one truth from this session you'd like to share with your immediate family or closest friends in the coming week? Write down so you won't forget.
- What is one practical *new* step you might take in your walk with the Lord Jesus this week related to issues focused on in this session? Write it down to keep you honest.
- How might this session change the ways you pray during the coming week?

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Next time—*CIA*, Chapter 14 only

(*Suggestion: Use the extra time this week to catch up on previous chapters missed.*)

Topic: IMPLICATIONS OF CHRIST'S SUPREMACY

## Session 4

# IMPLICATIONS OF CHRIST'S SUPREMACY

Assigned Reading: Chapter 14

### *How Do You See God's Son? (5 min)*

- Share with one another—using short phrases, one after another like popcorn—some of the new insights on Christ's glory and greatness you've gained during the past three sessions. (2 min)
- How could an enlarged vision of the full extent of Christ's supremacy make a difference in daily discipleship as we live for Him—either in terms of accelerating areas of spiritual growth or in overcoming areas where we struggle? (3 min)

### *How Does God See His Son? (20 min)*

MALACHI 3:1-4; MARK 8:34-9:7; 2 TIMOTHY 2:1-8; PHILIPPIANS 3:7-4:1

Read these four passages, one after the other. Have a different person read each one. (5 min)

Then, referring to insights from these passages, answer the following questions:

- In what ways do these passages highlight aspects of the majesty, vastness, and supremacy of our Lord Jesus Christ? Give specific words or phrases. (6 min)
- Based on these passages, as we awaken to more of the greatness and glory of God's Son, how ought such wonders *enrich* our Christian discipleship? (7 min)
- Have someone close in a prayer that reflects the truths uncovered from the study of these passages. (2 min)

### *What Do You Think About the Issues for This Session? (15 min)*

NOTE: How should uncovering a larger vision of the supremacy of God's Son, one that also fills us with greater hope in Him, begin to change and reshape how we follow Him? Discuss your answer as related to any of the dimensions of Christian discipleship below:

- How we worship God on Sunday morning as well as in your personal times with Him.
- The way we study Scripture as well as what we expect to find there.
- The quality and focus of our fellowship with other believers in our own church and in other churches.
- How we look at financial resources and how we decide to use them.
- Our ability to prevail and become victorious in our battles with Satan?
- Our commitment to and involvement in some aspect of Christ's global cause.

What questions or concerns about the issues of this session remain for you? What topics would you like to dig into more fully?

***What Do You Want to Do with These Issues? (10 min)***

- What is one truth from this session you'd like to share with your immediate family or closest friends in the coming week? Put it in writing so you don't forget.
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Next time—*CIA*, Chapters 15–19  
Topic: THE CRISIS OF SUPREMACY

## Session 5

# THE CRISIS OF SUPREMACY

Assigned Reading: Chapters 15–19

### *How Do You See God's Son?* (15 min)

- Over the course of this study so far, have you in any way begun to detect something “new” rising up inside of you? In other words, in your own life do you sense a Christ Awakening beginning to unfold? Describe what you are experiencing.
- Has this changed anything about the way you think about God, about others, about the world, or even about yourself? How?
- What would you say is the *single greatest hindrance* in your life right now keeping you from knowing and loving Jesus as much as He deserves to be known and loved by you?

### *How Does God See His Son?* (10 min)

2 CORINTHIANS 10:1-6; 11:1-4; 13:3-5

Read these passages from 2 Corinthians, one after the other. Have a different person read each one. Then referring to insights from these texts, answer the following questions:

- According to these passages, what was one of Paul's greatest concerns about the Corinthian Church?
- In what sense might we call the challenge Paul faced with these believers a “crisis of supremacy”—that is, a shortfall in the Corinthians' vision of and passion for Christ and His supremacy?
- Based on these few verses, what can you learn about Paul's strategy for bringing a church out of this crisis into a “Christ Awakening”?
- Have someone close in a prayer that reflects the truths uncovered from the study of 2 Corinthians.

### *What Do You Think About the Issues for This Session?* (15 min)

- In our churches today, how often do we view Jesus as a mascot more than a monarch? In what ways is this crisis manifested?
- In what sense is Jesus *missing* in the American Church today? How might Christians' conversations with one another provide evidence of this crisis—a crisis in how fully we see God's Son as well as how fully we include Him in our life together?
- Where do you see this crisis sometimes expressing itself in your own life? (Consider some of the reflection questions toward the end of chapter 18.)
- In what ways is a Christian's “crisis of supremacy” also, at the same time, a “crisis of *hope*”? How does this make the shortfall more critical?
- What can we do about this crisis in order to confront it and cure it more effectively?
- What questions or concerns about the issues of this session remain for you? What topics would you like to dig into more fully?

***What Do You Want to Do with These Issues? (10 min)***

- What is one truth from this session you'd like to share with your immediate family or closest friends in the coming week? Write it down and then share it.
- What is one practical *new* step you might take in your walk with the Lord Jesus this week related to issues focused on in this session? Write it down and then do it.
- How might this session change the ways you pray during the coming week?

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Next time—*CIA*, Chapters 20–24  
Topic: A CAMPAIGN OF HOPE

## Session 6

### A CAMPAIGN OF HOPE

Assigned Reading: Chapters 20–24

#### ***How Do You See God's Son?*** (10 min)

- To come back to our opening questions last time: Since our previous meeting, have you in any way begun to detect something “new” rising up inside of you? In other words, in your own life do you sense a Christ Awakening beginning to unfold? Describe what you are experiencing now.
- As we considered before: Since our last gathering, have you seen any evidences of a Christ Awakening in the life of any single believer? Or within the life of your own church? Or in reports you've heard about what God's Spirit is doing in some other parts of the Church at large? If so, give a brief report describing what you've seen or heard most recently.
- Regarding any reports, on any level, describe what happened to initiate this Christ Awakening. What are some factors that led up to it (whether somewhere else in the Church, or in your congregation, or in your own life or that of another believer)?

#### ***How Does God See His Son?*** (15 min)

PSALM 24:7-10; ZECHARIAH 9:9-13

- What similar themes surface in both of these passages?
- How were those themes fulfilled in the Person and earthly ministry of God's Son?
- How are those themes manifested in His reign today?
- Where and when was Zechariah 9 played out in Jesus' earthly ministry? What does Zechariah 9 tell us about how the Gospel writers viewed that day in Jesus' life?
- In what sense might one call the totality of Jesus' mission—from His birth to His Ascension—a “Campaign of Hope”?

Have someone close in a prayer that reflects the truths uncovered from the study of these two passages.

#### ***What Do You Think About the Issues for This Session?*** (15 min)

- What one sentence does *Christ Is All!* use to define a Christ Awakening? What would you like to add to this definition to make it more complete or more biblical?
- What is a “Campaign of Hope”? What does it seek to do? In what ways is it like a political election campaign or a church's building campaign?
- Why are prayer and God's Word so crucial for a genuine Christ Awakening?
- How might a CAST (“Christ Awakening Servant Team”) mount their own Campaign of Hope inside your church? Specifically what might this CAST do week by week?
- What questions or concerns about the issues of this session remain for you? What topics would you like to dig into more fully?

***What Do You Want to Do with These Issues? (10 min)***

- What is one truth from this session you'd like to share with your immediate family or closest friends in the coming week?
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Next time—*CIA*, Chapter 25, Afterword, Resources  
Topic: WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

## Session 7

### WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

**Assigned Reading: Chapter 25, Afterword, Resources**

#### ***How Do You See God's Son?* (10 min)**

- Let's come back to the opening discussion of the last two sessions and ask again: Since our last gathering have you in any way begun to detect something "new" rising up inside of you? In other words, in your own life do you sense in any new or increasing ways a Christ Awakening beginning to unfold for you? If so, describe what you are experiencing right now.
- Since our last gathering, have you seen further evidences of a Christ Awakening in any other believers? Or in your family? Or within the life of your own congregation? Or in reports you've heard about what God's Spirit is doing in some other part of the Church at large? If so, give a brief report summarizing what you've seen or heard most recently.
- When a Christ Awakening occurs, how would you recommend someone go about keeping this work of God's Spirit fresh and growing? What might you do to encourage and serve others who have begun to experience a genuine Christ Awakening?

#### ***How Does God See His Son?* (15 min)**

EPHESIANS 1:9-13; 2:6-10; 3:14-19; 4:7-16; 5:14

Read these passages from Ephesians, one after the other. Have a different person read each one. (4 min)

Then referring to insights from the texts, answer the following questions:

- Looking at these texts, what words or phrases help define or describe some aspect of the majesty and supremacy of God's Son? (5 min)
- Based on these texts, what are specific ways the Father intends for us to respond to such a grand vision of Jesus' glory and greatness? (4 min)
- Have someone close in a prayer that reflects the truths uncovered from the study of Ephesians. (2 min)

#### ***What Do You Think About the Issues for This Session?* (15 min)**

- Richard Ross describes some interesting facets of his own journey into a Christ Awakening. Which facets did you relate to personally, based on your own experiences?
- Chapter 21 in *Christ Is All!* talks about becoming a "Messenger of Hope." How willing are you to serve God's people this way? If you became a Messenger of Hope, what could you see yourself doing to foster a Christ Awakening, starting this very next week?
- Every Christ Awakening is a gift of God's Spirit. Even so, do any of the resources suggested here or online (at either *ChristIsAllBook.com* or *ProclaimHope.com*) interest you, either as a tool to deepen your own experience of a Christ Awakening or as a tool for helping others experience the same thing?

- As we close these seven sessions, are there any questions, concerns, or topics explored in *Christ Is All!* you'd like to dig into more fully? How might you go about doing that?

### ***Closing Commissioning Prayer*** (10 min)

Let's take the next ten minutes to pray for one another, around the circle. Pray that the Christ Awakening already unfolding, to some measure, in each of our lives might continue to grow and deepen. Then let's "commission" one another in prayer to become a catalyst for a Christ Awakening among our Christian friends, in our homes, in our church—and beyond.

### ***Seek God for a Christ Awakening Right Now*** (10 min)

Pray for a Christ Awakening in your own life, within your church, throughout God's people in our nation and beyond. Incorporate some of the issues discussed in this session. Build your prayers around one or more of the seven dimensions of a Christ Awakening listed here, asking the Father to awaken us and fellow believers:

- To *see* Christ more fully for all He is.
- To *seek* Christ more fully for all He is.
- To *savor* Christ more fully for all He is.
- To *speak* of Christ more fully for all He is.
- To *show* Christ more fully for all He is.
- To *serve* Christ more fully for all He is.
- To *share* Christ more fully for all He is.

### ***Press On!***

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