



## Key References:

### **Zechariah 4:1–3 (ESV)**

And the angel who talked with me came again and woke me, like a man who is awakened out of his sleep. <sup>2</sup>And he said to me, “What do you see?” I said, “I see, and behold, a lampstand all of gold, with a bowl on the top of it, and seven lamps on it, with seven lips on each of the lamps that are on the top of it. <sup>3</sup>And there are two olive trees by it, one on the right of the bowl and the other on its left.”

### **Zechariah 4:6–7 (NLT)**

<sup>6</sup>Then he said to me, “This is what the LORD says to Zerubbabel: It is not by force nor by strength, but by my Spirit, says the LORD of Heaven’s Armies. <sup>7</sup>Nothing, not even a mighty mountain, will stand in Zerubbabel’s way; it will become a level plain before him! [...]

### **Zechariah 4:10 (NLT)**

<sup>10</sup>Do not despise these small beginnings, for the LORD rejoices to see the work begin, to see the plumb line in Zerubbabel’s hand.”

### **Romans 13:11–14 (The Message)**

<sup>11–14</sup> But make sure that you don’t get so absorbed and exhausted in taking care of all your day-by-day obligations that you lose track of the time and doze off, oblivious to God. The night is about over, dawn is about to break. Be up and awake to what God is doing! God is putting the finishing touches on the salvation work he began when we first believed. We can’t afford to waste a minute, must not squander these precious daylight hours in frivolity and indulgence, in sleeping around and dissipation, in bickering and grabbing everything in sight. Get out of bed and get dressed! Don’t loiter and linger, waiting until the very last minute. Dress yourselves in Christ, and be up and about!

## **1 – WAKING UP AND SEEING**

**What does it mean to be spiritually asleep?**

**Can you remember a time in your life where you felt like God woke you up from being spiritually asleep?**

Bruce said that weariness, frustration, grief and disappointment are some of the things that cause us to fall asleep spiritually. **Why do you think he mentioned those four things specifically?**

Read Zechariah 4:1-3. **Why do you think God wants his people in first world countries to wake up to see?**

Read Zechariah 4:6-7. **What big things would you like to see happen in our wider community that could only come about by God’s Spirit?**

## **2 – GOLD + PURITY**

Bruce said that gold speaks of purity and that; *“Sometimes we have weariness and indifference because there’s too much mixture in our life.”* **How does impurity put us to sleep spiritually?**

Bruce said: *“For us to look to Jesus means that we’ve got to look away from stuff that can smudge our edges, dull our glow, shame us, cramp us and make us indifferent.”* **What do you think he meant by that?**

## **3 – ANOINTING**

Bruce said *“The Holy Spirit wants to anoint us. But He doesn’t want to anoint us just to do our own thing. He wants to anoint us to do His thing.”* **Why did Bruce need to say this?**

**Does God’s anointing exist in your life? What has he anointed you for?**

Read Zechariah 4:10. **How do you think this verse fits into this passage and why it’s there? What little things does God want you to start doing? How could they add up to a big thing?**

Read the quote from Bruce on the next page. **What does Bruce mean when he says we need to wake up on purpose? How can we get dressed in God? Are our days full of divine appointments that we are missing?**

## Extra References:

“You really don’t know what your day is going to bring. It’s going to be full of surprises. You might have your schedule and all sorts of things planned. But, there are divine appointments waiting for you at every point of the day if you are alert to it. It’s exciting; if you’re looking for it. But we’ve got to get out of bed on purpose in the morning. Dressed in Him and say ‘ok, Lord I know my life can be dull and boring; but yours isn’t! So me what you’re doing because I want to join in.” – **Bruce on Sunday**

### **Ephesians 4:16 (NLT)**

<sup>16</sup> He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.

### **Galatians 6:9 (ESV)**

<sup>9</sup> And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.

### **Zechariah 4:12–14 (ESV)**

<sup>12</sup> And a second time I answered and said to him, “What are these two branches of the olive trees, which are beside the two golden pipes from which the golden oil is poured out?” <sup>13</sup> He said to me, “Do you not know what these are?” I said, “No, my lord.” <sup>14</sup> Then he said, “These are the two anointed ones who stand by the Lord of the whole earth.”