

Greg Locke: Is This the Most Important Awakening in Church History?

“The most important awakening in church history has begun.” When my ministry partners and I settled on that phrase as the subtitle for the messaging surrounding our film, “Come Out in Jesus Name,” we received a lot of questioning and even a little social media derision. But if you’ve watched what is happening at Global Vision Bible Church or any of the ministries led by my co-laborers in this awakening—Alexander Pagani, Isaiah Saldivar, Vlad Savchuk, Mike Signorelli, Daniel Adams, Leon Du Preez and Henry Shaffe, among others (each of whom is featured in the film)—you know we’re not overstating what God is doing in our midst. The same is true if you’ve participated in one of the nationwide post-film prayer and deliverance vigils.

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But is this really “the most important awakening in church history?” Why would we make a claim like that? Allow me to explain as I tell the story of a film that has—through God’s supernatural, sovereign hand—become a worldwide movement of revival and awakening.

My last book was titled “Revival,” which was also the subject of my master’s thesis in seminary, so I’m careful to treat the words “revival” and “awakening” with a high degree of reverence. We’re all—you included—at the front edge of a heightened move of God, and that should humble all of us. It has certainly humbled my wife, Tai, and me. There’s no way I could have anticipated any of this.

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But God sent revival long before the film and long before the awakening. In fact, Global Vision and our online platform exploded with revival in 2020 because we refused to bow to the government-mandated shutdowns and other nefarious schemes of the devil. I had just begun to be delivered of cessationist theology, so those early days became my season of preparation.

Every God-ordained revival in the Bible and throughout history was marked by six characteristics: They were always spontaneous, they were emotionally unbridled, they were filled with heartfelt praise and worship, they triggered unusual levels of conviction, they made lasting changes in their local communities and—above all—they were proven with notable salvation testimonies.

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