

STOP SAYING... “Being Woke is Liberal!”

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Opening Questions: What does the term “**Christian**” mean?

Where is the term “**Christian**” found in the Bible?

- **Acts 11:26**, And the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch.
- **Acts 26:28**, Then Agrippa said to Paul, “You almost persuade me to become a Christian.”
- **I Peter 4:16**, Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter.

How has the term “**Christian**” been trivialized and thought of negatively, even by some professing followers of Jesus?

What does it mean to co-opt a term?

How has the term “**woke**” been co-opted in today’s society?

What has the NAACP said about the origin and misuse of the term “**woke?**”

Breakout Question: What kinds of things should black Christians be “**woke**” about in this current climate?

What does “**woke**” or “**awaken**” mean in the Bible?

Woke in Scripture

- **Romans 13:11**, And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed.
- **Ephesians 5:14**, Therefore He says: “Awake, you who sleep. Arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light.”
- **I Corinthians 15:34**, Awake to righteousness, and do not sin; for some do not have the knowledge of God. I speak this to your shame.
- **Luke 15:17**, “When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death!’”
- **Luke 19:41 – 44**, ⁴¹ Now as He drew near, He saw the city and wept over it, ⁴² saying, “If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things that make for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. ⁴³ For days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment around you, surround you and close you in on every side, ⁴⁴ and level you, and your children within you, to the ground; and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not know the time of your visitation.”

Conclusion: Although the term “**woke**” has been co-opted today from its original meaning, it still has value—especially when we know the history. God doesn’t separate our faith from our blackness, and in both regards, we should remain “**woke**.”