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The Great Awakening
& Slavery



Key Scriptures

Eph 2:8-10 NASB For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; (9) not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. (10) For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

Descendants of Jonathan Edwards as of 1900

- American vice-president
- 3 senators
- 3 governors
- 3 mayors
- 30 judges
- 13 college presidents
- 65 college professors
- 100 lawyers
- 60 physicians
- 75 military officers
- 100 preachers and missionaries
- 60 prominent authors
- 80 other public officials

The Big Point:

Even if we do not know, the legacies of our fathers continue to affect our lives. We carry the legacy of our fathers even where we do not know it. We have to take the time to examine our lives to discover what we believe and where we learned it. That way we can live purposeful lives and fulfill our purpose.

Important points from the message:

- Small items should never be placed on the big shelf in the fridge. (second service revelation)
- Edwards: The natural world is evidence of God's masterful design.
- Our spiritual heritage can be explored.
- Truth can be examined.
- Salvation is a gift from God but you have to want it.

Questions that may get your group talking.

- What stood out to you in the talk about these three men?
- Wesley wrote that his heart was strangely warmed when he was converted. When did you know you were saved?
- Did you become a Christian as part of a crisis?

Questions to get your group thinking:

- What is exciting about hearing our spiritual history?
- Jonathan Edwards' salvation was the experience of moving from spiritual deadness to joy in the knowledge that you have been chosen by God. Have you rejoiced in the knowledge of your salvation or have you been taught that joy comes from somewhere else?
- If you stood for prayer at the end of service, what did you stand for?

Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- Check and see if your life is producing the fruit of the Spirit.
- Hunger for the power of love and holiness.