

# Interrupted By Hope

## ADVENT AS IMAGINATION

*(Marlon Hall “Fully Human” video)*

### *Watch Film*

We often forget about the goodness of our humanity. However this goodness is essential to how we were created as human beings. *Read Genesis 1.* For Marlon Hall, Curator at the Awakenings Movement, Advent is a reminder of this goodness that, if not forgotten, will move us to greater imagination about both our world and ourselves.

### *Questions for Reflection:*

1. How did Jesus show us that being human is “good” and “valuable”?
2. Hall speaks about amnesia created by trauma in a person’s life. What could be the “trauma” that has caused us (both individually and collectively) to forget about our humanness and goodness?

How can we “waken from our amnesia” about our innate goodness as humans?

How can waking up to this affect how we view ourselves, others, and God?

3. Hall shares about how imagination is based on knowledge. We can imagine a stick as a baseball bat or a horse because we already know what both those things are.

If we have a deeper realisation of our goodness and value as humans how can that lend itself to helping us imagine a better future for the world?

4. To the question, “What gives you hope?” Hall responds, “Dreamers...the irrational, irreverent, scared, that certain gene that some people seem to activate when they open their mind[s] to hold what they love.”

How do these dreamers help us expand our imaginations toward the Kingdom?