

STARTING POINT

Mission Statement: Inviting people into meaningful relationship with God and each other.

OPEN IN PRAYER / INTRODUCTIONS

REVIEW FROM LAST WEEK: Were you able to pray each line (verses Matthew 6:9-13) in the Lords prayer last week?

GOD-STORIES: A God-story is an undeniable encounter or experience with God that creates an impact or breakthrough in a person's day-to-day life.

WEEK #5

TOPIC: REVIVAL

TAKEAWAY: Return to your First Love

GUIDELINES

**SAFE ENVIRONMENT | CONFIDENTIALITY | LISTEN | PAUSE | SILENCE | NO "CROSS TALK"
NO FIXING | NO RESCUING | SHARING | SELF AWARE | "I" STATEMENTS | CONFLICT**

REVIVAL PRAYER EMPHASIS

Commit to 8 weeks in group to pray for one another for the first 15-20 minutes of group time:

THINGS TO PRAY FOR:

- Marriages that are God-centered
- Healthy family relationships
- Influence at work/job
- People to overcome addictions
- Safety at schools

SHARE BACKGROUND AND PROVIDE CONTEXT TO THE BIBLE STORY.

The Gospel spreads like wildfire during this historic season of the early Church. God was raising up men and women to do extraordinary things in His Kingdom. A revival was birthing. Apollos had arrived in Ephesus from Egypt, teaching people about the way of Jesus with great passion, enthusiasm, and accuracy. After learning more about the way of salvation, Apollos was sent to another region to continue sharing the truth about the Gospel. Paul came right behind him, empowering believers to know & experience the Holy Spirit, to share the love of God so that men and women would repent and return to God, and to continue spreading the fire of revival throughout the city. The believer's love for God was at an all-time high! This city was flipped upside down!

re-viv-al - an improvement in the condition or strength of something, a rallying, a picking up, a betterment, a turn for the better.

a-wak-en-ing - an act of waking from sleep, coming into existence or awareness.

- **SHARE THE STORY (Acts 19:1-21)**
- **REBUILD THE STORY.**
- **READ THE STORY**



DIVE DEEPER WITH DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1) How did revival begin in the early stages of the church in Ephesus? What signs indicated God's power?
- 2) What were the potential roadblocks threatening to prevent a revival from happening?
- 3) Read Jesus' words to the same church in Revelation 2:2-5. How did the church get "off track" from what was most important?
- 4) Right now, what would you say is God's Part, your part, and others' part to be a "light" to the community around you?
- 5) _____?

REVIVAL CHALLENGE: Pray this week for a strong connection to remain in our church for God and for each other so that the light of hope can shine brighter in our community.

ASSIGN NEXT WEEK'S STORY: Revelation 2:8-11

ASK A VOLUNTEER TO CLOSE IN PRAYER.