



REVIVAL IN YOUR COMMUNITY GROUP

As the Holy Spirit was poured out on the followers of Jesus, it revived and reshaped their hearts. Revival led to a fellowship of believers whose lives testified to God's goodness and the love of Jesus.

“Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.” (Acts 2:46–47)

The early church began to grow and strengthen as people realized that God was just as interested in reviving hearts in people's living rooms and around dinner tables as he was in manifesting his presence in a large gathering.

As God's Spirit moves in our church, we encourage you to continue prioritizing the pursuit of God together within your homes, turning your living rooms into places of revival!

What do we do?

1. **Confess** our need for revival.

“Will You not revive us and bring us to life again,
That Your people may rejoice in You?” (Psalm 85:6)

Think of the need for revival in the following areas:

- *In the outside world.* Multitudes are without God and hope in the world (Ephesians 2:12); most are outside the church, and revival is the only key to this tragic situation.
- *In the church.* We desperately need daily, renewed recognition and passion for the presence of God in our churches (Acts 3:20).
- *In our own lives.* How powerless we are! How frequently we fail. How little we pray! How much we need Jesus! Revival is our *personal* need (2 Chronicles 7:14).

2. **Commit** to studying the Bible.

Read passages of Scripture together. As you do, listen to God's voice. Get personal. Ask the Holy Spirit to speak to you; don't rush. Take your time to prayerfully meditate on what he is saying to you through his Word. Talk with your group and write down ways to apply God's Word directly to your relationships, career, family, friends, circumstances, and struggles.

Suggested Scripture to study together: Psalm 50, 51, 80, 85, Isaiah 55, Ephesians 5:1–20, I Peter 1:13–25.

3. **Consecrate** yourselves in worship.

Worship always helps shift our affections, focus, and attention in God's direction. We were created to worship. Read Psalm 29:1–2 and Philippians 2:9–11. You don't need a VoxMusic band to worship! If no one plays an instrument, throw on a playlist of a few worship songs and sing together. James 4:8 reminds us of this promise: "Draw near to him and he will draw near to you."

4. **Cry** out to God in prayer.

Learn to actively invite the Holy Spirit to inform your prayers and listen to God on behalf of each other. Don't spend lots of time sharing prayer requests. We often spend more time doing this than we do praying. If there is a need, raise it quickly, lay a hand on that person's shoulder, and seek God for them. Ask questions like these and then pray into them.

- What do we sense God saying right now to us about our lives? The lives of those around us? The life of our church? What might he be calling us to pray for?
- What cares or concerns do we have that God is inviting us to join together and literally "cast them upon him"? Remind one another that he cares for all (1 Peter 5:7).
- What are things that have happened in our lives for which we want to actively give God praise?