



COVENANT CHURCH

This Changes Everything - Part 1
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Below is a devotional study guide for you to refer to and reflect during the week. You can watch the service online again, anytime, at www.covenantchurch.org/media or on the CovLive app.

If you do not have a physical Bible, we encourage you to download one to your device. YouVersion is available in the Apple Store or on Google Play for free. It contains hundreds of versions, is translated into several languages, and includes thousands of devotional studies available right at your fingertips.

If you are a part of a Small Group, be creative in ways to meet-up. This guide can be a useful tool to lead discussions, whether it be through email, a Facebook group, a Zoom call, etc. If you have not yet joined a Small Group, there's no better time! Go to www.covenantchurch.org/groups or Small Groups on the CovLive app to search for a group that interests you!

Main Idea

Revival can happen anywhere, but it begins with the individual. Before we can experience corporate revival, we must set ourselves apart in holiness on the individual level. Then allow the Holy Spirit to grow us through relationships with others.

Discussion One

We are in NEED of Revival

- Pandemic Grief - We are in need of a spiritual awakening to combat our condition of "meh" (apathy)
 - o We may have lost something over the last 8 months: joy, peace, relationships.
 - o We haven't been given the time to grieve.
 - o Our spiritual encouragement has been relegated to watching a service on a screen.
 - o We have incredible access to sermons and content, yet we are in great need of revival.
 - o God wants to do something in our homes, even when we resume to a more normal church experience.
- Definition of Revival:
 - o an improvement in the condition or strength of something
 - o an instance of something becoming popular, active or important again
 - o a new production of an old play or similar work - "I've been here before"
- God wants to do this IN OUR HOUSE

Discussion Two

Revival Starts with YOU

- Before we can have corporate revival, we must have personal revival.
- II Chronicles 29: 1-5 (NIV)
 - o Consecration - Prepare yourself for the presence of God.
 - King Hezekiah was 25 years old - Don't forsake your age for God's purpose in your life.
 - Make holy or dedicate to a higher purpose.
 - We don't all like rules but we all love standards.
 - Holiness in its simplest terms is a calling to an uncommon standard.
 - It's common to complain about problems, but it's uncommon to bring solutions.
 - We want to Know God, Find Freedom, Discover our Purpose & Make a Difference - we can't make a difference unless we are UNcommon
 - o Holiness
 - God wants us to be set apart so we can be sent, not separated.
 - Read: I Corinthians 1:30 (NLT)
 - We aren't very good at making ourselves holy. Christ is.
 - Holiness isn't what we do to get God to do something for us. Holiness is our response to what God has already done for us.
 - We pray more because we recognize our need for more of Him.
 - Holiness has often led to having more pride, but it can't exist without humility.
 - o Humility
 - If we want personal revival, we must have humility.
 - Proverbs 16:18 (ESV): "Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall."
 - If you want to see something die, pride comes right before it.
 - Pride is the thing that will keep you from confessing anything.
 - Read: Prov. 26:16 (TPT) & Prov. 26:12 (TPT)
 - "Lord, strip me of my pride and help me fall out of love with my own opinion"
 - Pride: choosing self-will over God's will

Discussion Three

Revival Starts with you, but grows in GROUPS

- 1st Century church happened **house to house**.
- Read: Acts 2:46 (NASB), Acts 5:42 (NIV), Acts 8:3 (NIV), Acts 12:12 (NIV), Acts 16:32 (NIV), Acts 16:40 (NIV), Acts 18:7-8 (NIV), Acts 20:20 (NIV), Romans 16, 1,3,5 (NIV)
- Sometimes we need to make some *things* sacred - dedicated to where we will meet God in prayer.
- Revivals can happen in our homes, because we choose to pray.
- The Holy Spirit wants to be invited into your homes and grow in Groups.
- Revival can happen anywhere.

Reflective Questions

For This Changes Everything - A Series on Revival

1. Can you imagine if people walked into your house and immediately felt the peace of God?
What can you do to see that lived out?
Have you ever experienced that going into someone's home before?
2. Where in your home/life have you made sacred and where you pray, to meet with God?
If you haven't created such, we encourage you to do so.
3. How can you set yourself apart in your daily life? What does that mean for you?
4. Do you have the community of relationship where you can literally enjoy the house to house experience as the 1st Century church? Small Groups is an excellent avenue for this. Be encouraged to join or start one.