



EPISODE THREE - REVIVAL MISSION & THE POOR

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THE CONNECTION BETWEEN REVIVAL AND THE POOR

Nicola and her husband moved to Uganda, with two young children, following the Lord's leading one step at a time. We are guided by hearing the Lord in prayer and prophetic revelation but it is important to make those key decisions in community with other believers close to us.

Both Nicola and Steve have had encounters with God about future revival in the UK and cities around the world, like the revivals that the Wesleys and Booths experienced. Both those revivals were focused upon, and strongest among, poor and marginalised people.

KEY SCRIPTURES - WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

Acts 15:28; Proverbs 11:14; 15:22; 18:1 and 24:6 - before making a major decision, seek wisdom from others: "It seemed good to the Holy Spirit and us ..."

Isaiah 61 - a description of what revival looks like: a social and spiritual reformation touching all groups in society

Acts 4:32-35; Galatians 2:10 - what is our priority?

Ephesians 4:1-16; 1 Peter 5:1-6 - preparation for the harvest includes seeing teams of the five-fold ministries working together in unity and individually being humble



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QUOTES

"Our job is not to see the whole picture. Our job is obedience and to say 'Yes' to the Lord and to trust His leading. But ... we need the wise counsel of the Holy Spirit and those we love and trust around us." (*Nicola Neal*)

"Poverty does not define who we are - only Jesus gets to do that." (*Nicola Neal*)

"If we can't adapt God will work outside current structures ... we might be looking at what God is doing from the outside." (*Steve Uppal*)

"Simple church - simple gospel - simple mission." (*Nicola Neal*)

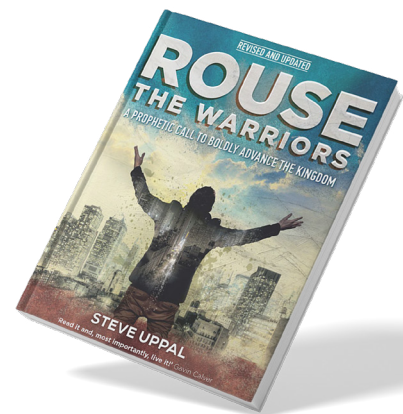
CONVERSATION/REFLECTION TIME - WHAT DO WE THINK?

1. Why is our own prayer and prophetic revelation not enough: why has God created us to need others around us to help us hear the Holy Spirit?
 2. What might "worshipping missionaries" mean? How might you become one?
 3. Nicola and her family explored how to live simply in Kampala among the poor, rather than among wealthier expats. They also discovered that the best people to reach distinct people groups (e.g. drug addicts) are those redeemed out of those same groups. Does this example challenge you to move and live incarnationally or to reach people of your own context (or both)?
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