

Growth Tools

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Connecting

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Study

Point 1: Revival is when the people of God are stirred up to repentance (1:12)

READ: 2 Kings 22:8–13; 23:1–3

REFLECT: What initiated Josiah’s repentance? What is he convicted about? In what ways does Josiah show he is broken because of sin? What does Josiah do to show he is repentant?

RESPOND: Explain what it means to repent. Is repentance a one time thing a Christian does? Why or why not? Why do you think revival needs to begin with repentance? In Haggai 1:12 it says, “ask the remnant of the people, obeyed the voice of the Lord their God . . .” The word used for obey here is literally “heard;” what is the connection between hearing, obeying, and repentance? What would it look like for you as an individual to establish a life of repentance?

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RESPOND: What are things in your life that hinder your confidence in the Lord? How have you seen the Lord working against you when you were not following His will? What helps build your confidence in the Lord? How can the church grow in our confidence in the Lord together?

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READ: 2 Kings 23:4–27

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