



Discipleship Guide

Sermon: Beyond Easter

Speaker: Pastor John Zayas

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SMALL GROUP GUIDE

Key Takeaways:

1. We live in a faith-anemic culture, but faith is essential to pleasing God.
2. Revival fire is needed in our lives and churches.
3. We must actively feed the fire of God in our lives.

Discussion Questions:

1. The pastor mentioned that faith is crucial for pleasing God. How would you define faith, and why do you think it's so important in our relationship with God?
2. The sermon emphasized the need for "revival fire" in our lives. What do you think this means, and have you ever experienced a moment of spiritual fire or passion?
3. The pastor said, "If you don't have burning moments, you won't recognize him when he comes." How do you interpret this statement, and what might these "burning moments" look like in our daily lives?
4. Reflect on the phrase "burn like a fire." What areas of your life do you feel need God's refining fire?

5. The sermon touched on the idea of contending for the fire. What practical steps can we take to "feed the fire" in our spiritual lives?
6. How can we balance the need for practical, logical thinking with the call to have faith in God's ability to do the impossible?

Practical Applications:

1. Faith Challenge: This week, identify one area where you need to exercise more faith. Share with the group and commit to praying for each other in these areas.
2. Fire Feeding: Develop a personal plan to "feed the fire" in your spiritual life. This could include dedicated prayer time, Bible study, or acts of service.
3. Burning Moments Journal: Start a journal to record moments when you feel God's presence strongly or when your faith is particularly challenged or strengthened.
4. Revival Prayer: Commit to praying daily for revival in your personal life, your church, and your community.
5. Faith Sharing: Practice sharing your faith with others this week, focusing on how God has worked in your life.

Closing Prayer: Thank God for His desire to ignite our faith and set us ablaze with His fire. Ask for His help in applying the lessons learned and for revival to begin in each group member's heart.

5-DAY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

Day 1: Rekindling the Fire of Faith

Reading: Hebrews 11:1-6

Devotional: Faith is the cornerstone of our relationship with God. As we read in Hebrews, "without faith it is impossible to please God." In our modern world, it's easy to become faith-anemic, relying on logic and tangible evidence. Yet God calls us to a deeper trust. Reflect on areas in your life where you've been hesitant to step out in faith. How might your life change if you approached each day with the unwavering belief that God can and will act? Today, challenge yourself to take a step of faith, no matter how small. Remember, even faith as small as a mustard seed can move mountains.

Day 2: Clothed in His Glory

Reading: Revelation 19:11-16

Devotional: The image of believers clothed in white, aflame with God's glory, is a powerful reminder of our future hope and present calling. We are not just passive observers in God's plan, but active participants, clothed in His righteousness and burning with His love. How does this perspective change the way you view your daily life and struggles? Today, imagine yourself clothed in Christ's righteousness, radiating His glory. How might this change your interactions, decisions, and priorities? Ask God to ignite His fire within you, that you might shine His light brightly in every situation.

Day 3: Recognizing Christ in Our Midst

Reading: Luke 24:13-35

Devotional: The disciples on the road to Emmaus didn't recognize Jesus until their hearts were burning within them. How often do we miss Christ's presence in our daily lives because our hearts have grown cold? Reflect on moments when you've felt your heart "burn" with God's presence. What circumstances or practices tend to make you more aware of Christ? Today, intentionally look for Jesus in the ordinary moments of your day.

Ask the Holy Spirit to open your eyes to see Christ in unexpected places and people, and to rekindle the fire of His presence in your heart.

Day 4: Contending for Revival Fire

Reading: Acts 2:1-21

Devotional: The early church was birthed in the fire of Pentecost, a transformative outpouring of God's Spirit. Today, we're called to contend for that same fire in our lives and communities. What would it look like for revival fire to fall in your life, your family, your church? Reflect on areas where you've become complacent or lukewarm. Ask God to reignite your passion for His presence and power. Today, spend time in fervent prayer, inviting the Holy Spirit to fill you afresh and to bring revival fire to your sphere of influence.

Day 5: Feeding the Flame

Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Devotional: Paul exhorts us not to quench the Spirit, but to fan into flame the gift of God within us. For long-time believers, it's easy to let the fire of our faith dim against the winds of life. How can you actively feed the fire of your faith? Reflect on spiritual practices or experiences that have fueled your passion for God in the past. Today, commit to rekindling one of these practices. Whether it's extended worship, deep Bible study, or sacrificial service, choose to feed the flame. Remember, the Holy Spirit promises never to let your fire go out completely, but it's our responsibility to tend the flame.