

Connect Group Discussion Guide

Week 9 – Where Revival Begins

Series: Rebuild for Revival

GOAL: This Week's discussion should focus on understanding the importance of God's Word.

DISCUSSION STARTER: Ask everyone how their week was and for them to share anything God has laid on their heart or spoke to them in the message.

GROUP ACTIVITY: Have a discussion about what everyone wants to see in a revival. Talk about what revival is. What has the church compromised on in this day?

DISCUSSION:

1. Point #1 was "Revival Begins when the Word is Read". We read in **Nehemiah 8:1-3** that the people came together unified read to read the Word. Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17 and Romans 15:4. Talk about what the reading of the Word brings. (prepare, equip, hope, encouragement). How does this apply to our daily walk? How does this prepare us for good works?
2. Psalm 119:25, 40, 50, 93, 107, 149 talks about how in reading the Word we experience revival. Why is this so? What does it look like corporately? Individually?
3. Point #2 was "Revival Begins when the Word is Heard". We read in **Nehemiah 8:3-5** that the people who were there to hear the reading were the ones who could understand and were listening. What is the difference between hearing the Word with understanding vs. without? If we are not changing and not being convicted to correction what does that say about the way we hear?
4. Discuss **Mathew 4:9-20**. How does this relate to "hearing" the Word of God?
5. Point #3 was "Revival Begins when the Word is Taught". We read in **Nehemiah 8:7-8** that the Word was clearly explained. Read **Acts 6:2-4** and discuss what this means for us as a church.
6. Point #4 was "Revival Begins when the Word is Applied". We read in **Nehemiah 8:9** that the people were told to stop weeping. Discuss the truth that we have to move beyond conviction and start to apply the correction. What does **Titus 2:14** mean and how that relates to moving forward from repentance (weeping).
7. Throughout the rest of the chapter, the people read the Book of Law and actually applied it and after they applied it, they received something. Read **Nehemiah 8:17** and talk about what they received and how we can receive the same thing.

CLOSING: **Nehemiah 8:18** shows that after receiving joy, they didn't just sit in the joy, they gave glory back to God. Let us all make sure that God always gets all the glory and honor and praise in everything we receive and do.

PRAY: Take Prayer Requests and post them to the Connect Group FB Wall with the number of people that came to group and write down the names as well.