

The Ingredients of Revival
Bible Study Guide
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Do you remember the stories of the old-time revivals? They would take place in the summers, and sometimes outside in the summer evenings under tents. They would last a week and many would receive Jesus. Something began to change. Less and less church people began to attend. They believed it was for the lost and they did not have a part to play in these revivals. Just like Sunday evening services they began to disappear from among our churches. Instead of being reinvented with the changing times we simply let them go. I believe we need to rediscover revivals. The people of God need to be revived! In this series we will look at the purpose of revivals, who they are for, and why they are still needed.

Definition of Revival - "The sovereign activity of God whereby he renews his people individually and corporately in vigor, affecting both sincerity of belief and quality of behavior." - Dictionary of Bible Themes by Martin Manser.

Have you ever participated in a revival? In the space below describe your experience.

5 characteristics that precede a revival.

1. **God's people longing for renewal of their lives.** Psalms 80:1-18, Psalms 85:4-7, Amos 4:7-12.

In reading the above verses, do you have a deep desire or longing for God or has your spiritual life become stale and dry? How aware are you of God and His divine work in your life?

2. **God's people become aware of their sin.** 2 Kings 22:8-11, Psalms 32:1-5

Is it easier for you to see sin in other people's lives or in your own life and why?

- 3. God's people must repent of their sin when they become aware of it.** Psalms 32:5, 2 Chronicles 7:14, 1 Kings 8:46-50, 2 Chronicles 6:26-27, Isaiah 64:1-7, Hosea 5:15, Acts 3:19

When was the last time you repented over sin in your life? What was this sin?

- 4. God's people need to be humble.** Isaiah 57:15, Psalms 149:4, Isaiah 66:2, Micah 6:6-8

Why is humility so difficult? Why is humility a prized value by God?

- 5. God's people are revived through God's initiative.** Jeremiah 24:7; 33:6-9, Titus 3:5, Isaiah 59:16, Ezekiel 36:26

Who is working out salvation in your life; you or God? What does this look like for you?