

The Results of Revival

Bible Study Guide

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Think About This

Life changing repentance begins where blame shifting ends. Timothy Keller

The 19th century evangelist Charles G. Finney said, “Revival is the renewal of the first love of Christians resulting in the conversion of sinners to God. It presupposes that the church is backslidden, and revival means conviction of sin and searching of hearts among God’s people. Revival is nothing less than a new beginning of obedience to God.”

In revival, the minds of people are concentrated upon things of eternity, and there is an awareness that nothing else really matters. - Brian Edwards

1. People experience inward change.
 - a. There is an excitement to know the Word of God and all of the community are studying the Word of God – Jeremiah 31:33-34
 - b. Deep compassion and love towards others. Ezekiel 11:19
 - c. Desire to learn & fellowship with other believers. Acts 2:42-47
 - i. Praying together.
 - ii. Sharing meals together.
 - iii. Giving your possessions to others who are in need.
 - iv. Gathering together for worship.

Question: What similarities do you see in these points with how Jesus lived out his life and ministry with his disciples?

2. People live obedient lives.
 - a. Living in obedience to the teachings of Scripture and in the moving of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Ezekiel 11:20
 - b. Living in peace with others. Trying to out honor each other. Ephesians 4:1-3
 - c. Living lives of incredible faith in which we are trusting the Lord to provide 1 Thessalonians 1:7-8

Question: What are the greatest moral failings you see in the lives of Christ followers today?

3. People are zealous for God's work. Ezra 11:20, Haggai 1:12-15
 - a. Willing to give up vacations for ministry.
 - b. Willing to give more than a 10% tithe for the completion of projects or ministries.
 - c. If you are retired, you give some of your time at the church during the week which helps save on hiring more staff.
 - d. Willing to lead teams or projects.

Question: What is keeping people from being more engaged in the life of the ministry of the church?

4. People are generous in giving.
 - a. Willing to give more than the minimum of ten percent tithe. Exodus 36:5
 - b. Giving is done willingly and freely. 1 Chronicles 29:6-9
 - c. There is an abundance of gifts given that helps to prepare for the future. 2 Chronicles 31:3-8 & Acts 11:28-30

Question: What holds us back from being more generous with our possessions with the church and with each other?

5. People delight in worshipping.
 - a. Everyone is willing to sing and rejoice. Ezra 3:11
 - b. People are willing to testify before others of God's works and His goodness in their lives. Isaiah 12:1-6

Question: Is it possible to be in right relationship with your brothers and sisters in Christ and yet not participate in worship? Why or why not?

6. People are joyful. Acts 13:49-52
 - a. Joy in persecution.
 - b. Joy in hardship.
 - c. People of God are giving God praise in difficult situations.
 - d. People who are not part of the covenant community are rejoicing for the good works being done in the covenant community.

Question: How can we find joy in the hard times of life?