

How To See Personal Revival

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John 6:51

FOR THE LEADER

These questions help you run the conversation. They are not your study. Get into the passage yourself first, because your group needs what God taught you, not just a list of questions. These also lean on Sunday's message, so a few will not land for anyone who missed it. Watch it before you lead.

WHAT THE MESSAGE WAS ABOUT

What is revival? Pastor Matt's definition: the church levels up and the world starts showing up. Everywhere real revival has happened, four ingredients keep appearing: prayer, desperation, Scripture, and repentance. Repentance is the one nobody wants, because it means letting sin get named out loud. One confession in a church meeting in 1907 sparked a movement across Korea. All four ingredients turn out to be the same move: putting Jesus back at the center.

To get started

- What is the closest thing to revival you have ever seen or heard about firsthand?

Looking back at the message

Start with the definition. Most people have a vague idea of revival and no working definition.

- 1 Pastor Matt defined revival as the church leveling up and the world showing up. How does that compare to the picture you had?
- 2 Four ingredients: prayer, desperation, Scripture, repentance. Which one is strongest in your life right now, and which is weakest?
- 3 Pastor Matt said repentance is the ingredient nobody wants to touch, because it means letting sin be named. Why do you think that is?
- 4 Pastor Matt told about being convicted of his sin at a church camp in eighth grade, angry at first that someone called him out. When did you first feel that kind of conviction?

OPTIONAL

Looking at the passage

Read John 6:51 and 2 Chronicles 7:14 together. The second is where the humbling language comes from.

- 5 Read John 6:48-58. Jesus calls himself the bread of life. Why is that a bigger claim than it first sounds?
- 6 Read 2 Chronicles 7:14. What four things does God ask of his people, and what does he promise?
- 7 Pastor Matt asked when you last grieved over your own sin. Where does the Bible connect grief over sin with God moving?

Bringing it home

Desperation is the one people think requires a crisis. Push back on that gently.

- 8 Pastor Matt said desperation for God usually comes through crisis, but you can choose it on a good day. What would chosen desperation look like for you?
- 9 What in your life have you not been willing to call sin?
- 10 Which of the four ingredients is missing for you, and what is one step toward it this week?
- 11 Pastor Matt described two ways to treat God: like a genie you rub when you need something, or like daily bread you cannot live without. When do you catch yourself in genie mode? OPTIONAL

The group together

The Pyongyang story turned on one person confessing publicly. Do not manufacture that, but do not avoid it either.

- 12 What makes it hard to confess sin in a room full of people you know?
- 13 What would have to be true about this group for that to feel safe?
- 14 If revival started in this group, who outside of it would notice first?

BEFORE YOU FINISH

What is the one thing you would need to face for your walk with God to stop being held back?

You might pray about

- For honesty about sin that has gone unnamed
- For desperation that comes from wanting God, not from crisis
- For the four ingredients to take root in this group
- For people outside the church who would notice if we changed