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CHAMPIONS

*a twelve-session curriculum
on revival for leaders*

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Session #1

What Is Revival?

ICE BREAKER

Spend some time getting to know each other. Share your name and where you serve and where God first began to create in you a hunger for revival.

WATCH THE VIDEO

For the next few minutes, we're going to watch a definition of revival from Richard Owen Roberts, perhaps one of the greatest authorities on revival in our nation.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How would you define revival?
2. What is the difference between revival and spiritual awakening?
3. The word *manifest* means “readily perceived by the eye or understanding; evident, obvious, clear, recognizable, easily seen.” When we speak of the “manifest presence of God” in revival, what are we trying to describe?
4. Do you agree with Mr. Roberts, that there is very little evidence of the manifest presence of God in most churches? Why do you think this is so?
5. Share about a time when you experienced the manifest presence of God.
6. God is always moving. There is the normal activity of God; but revival is the “extraordinary movement of the Spirit of God that produces extraordinary results.” What do you think it would be like in your church or city if God came in an extraordinary movement of revival? Be specific—these thoughts could help us raise our level of faith to believe God for the extraordinary!
7. What do you think is the difference between the normal work of the church (worship, community, ministry, missions, giving, etc.) and what happens during seasons of revival?
8. We cannot produce revival on our own, but what can we do to prepare the way for God to manifest Himself in our churches?

Revival is God bringing life to His church again. Awakening is the work of God to save the lost.

REVIVAL PRAYER TIME

The best prayer is that which is led by the Spirit! As a leader, you must listen to the Spirit and let Him guide you to gently facilitate this prayer time. Don't be hesitant to lead.

GROUND RULES

- We are going to pray “conversationally.” That is, we are going to let God lead us into an area of prayer, and stay there as long as He directs us.
- You can pray as many times as you'd like, but please do not dominate the entire time.
- Let's listen carefully to the Spirit and let Him lead us.
- Feel free to sing together, read Scripture, or pray. Daniel Henderson* says the best prayer is “Spirit-led, worship-fed, Scripture-based prayer.”

**Daniel Henderson is president of Strategic Renewal, a ministry dedicated to helping congregations experience renewal (StrategicRenewal.com).*

1. **ENTERING IN:** Let's take a few minutes to walk into the throne room and shut the door behind us. Turn all your attention to the throne as we spend the next few minutes—in worship, reading Scripture that comes to mind, and prayer—just adoring God as the Great Reviver of our souls. Let's thank God for who He is and for what He has done and is doing!
2. **INTERCESSION:** Let's move to interceding for this group and the dozens of other groups meeting around the nation, that God would use this time to raise up a great army of revival champions.
 - What would it look like if thousands were trained as revival leaders? Let's pray for that!
 - Turn and pray for the person next to you, by name, that God would do a mighty work in their heart through our time together. Pray specific prayers over them as God directs.
 - Now, as we gather back together, let's ask God in one simple prayer this question: “Spirit of God, what are You saying to the churches? Is there anything You want us to do, or do together, that would foster revival?” Take a few minutes to just **listen** in silence; then, one by one, let's lift those prayers up to God.

Session #2

How Do We Experience PERSONAL Revival?

ICE BREAKER

Spend some time getting to know each other. Perhaps you could go around the circle and answer this: "Tell your name and share about the greatest time of **personal revival** you've ever experienced."

WATCH THE VIDEO

For this session, we're going to watch Sammy Tippit (world renowned counselor, teacher and evangelist) and Dave Butts (President of Harvest Prayer Ministries) dialogue on the topic of personal revival.



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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What would you say are the primary characteristics of personal revival?
2. When you feel distant from God, what do you do to draw near to Him?
3. How would you counsel someone in your church who longs to experience personal revival?
4. What role does the acknowledgement and confession of sin play in personal revival?
5. For the next few minutes, we are going to work through a Repentance Worksheet. Let's spread out and take some time to pray through this checklist carefully. Prayerfully ask the Holy Spirit to reveal anything that could hinder personal revival.
6. What did God say to you through this exercise? (If not completed in the allotted time, encourage participants to finish later).
7. How critical is it for you as a leader to be walking daily in personal revival?

REPENTANCE WORKSHEET

"If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:8-9 NASB).

Prayerfully ask the Holy Spirit to reveal anything that could hinder personal revival.

PRIDE

- bragging
- making sure I'm "known" / love of reputation
- taking credit for success
- love of human praise
- a secret fondness to be noticed
- a desire to achieve regardless of the methods
- drawing attention to myself in conversations

ANGER

- impatience
- a touchy, sensitive spirit
- resentment and retaliation when I am disapproved of or contradicted
- sharp, harsh words
- rudeness
- sarcasm
- a stubborn, unteachable attitude
- an argumentative, talkative spirit/attitude
- an unyielding, headstrong disposition
- a desire to control circumstances and people / inflexibility (things have to go my way)
- a drive to win every argument
- a desire to always be seen as "right" or come out on top
- unapproachable
- resenting the authorities God has placed over me
- resisting or rebelling against God's direction for my life

CONTENTION

- a desire to criticize and point out flaws when I'm set aside or unnoticed
- gossip, criticism
- focusing on the failures of others
- unkind responses
- spreading strife
- being envious or jealous of others
- withdrawing or ignoring others out of a secret desire to retaliate
- lack of real love / treating people as objects

SELF-INDULGENCE

- laziness
- wasting time (often with the Internet, television, games, etc.)
- gluttony / overindulgence
- drunkenness
- abuse of drugs (including prescription drugs)
- lust
- sexual sins (pornography, adultery, fornication, incest, homosexuality)
- abortion

UNFORGIVENESS

- bitterness and hatred toward those who have hurt me
- an unwillingness to clear my conscience with others
- intolerance of others / bigotry, prejudice

FEAR

- a man-fearing, man-pleasing desire
- shrinking from duty
- passivity
- worry about whether everything will come out all right
- lack of confidence in God
- lack of gratitude
- unbelief
- doubting God's goodness
- worry and complaining in the midst of difficulty

MATERIALISM

- loving things more than loving God or others
- always wanting more
- buying things I don't need
- uncharitable
- robbing God of His tithes and offerings
- worry over finances
- living beyond what God has provided
- excessive debt
- an unwillingness to admit and correct my misuse of God's money

DEADNESS AND FORMALITY

- lack of concern for lost people
- not sharing my faith with others
- indifference and apathy
- insensitivity toward others
- unwillingness to serve / a desire to be served
- self-centeredness
- hypocrisy
- clinging to past methods and successes
- disobedience to the promptings of God's Spirit
- lack of time with God in His Word
- little interest in intimacy with God
- prayerlessness
- unwillingness to let God have control

DISHONESTY/LYING

- exaggeration
- evading and covering the truth
- leaving a better impression of myself than is true
- covering up my real faults
- defensiveness
- an unwillingness to accept responsibility for my sin
- pitching blame on others
- lack of real love / treating people as objects

ALSO *(list anything else God brings to mind)*

Now go back through and CIRCLE any sins that have hurt others.

After you have agreed with God and confessed these sins:

- **CLAIM** God's promise of 1 John 1:8-9 and thank Him for His forgiveness, made possible by the cross!
- **TURN** in full repentance with a desire for Christ's complete lordship in your life.
- **SHARE** with a trusted friend any areas where you need increased accountability.
- **GO** seek forgiveness from anyone you have harmed by your sin. Make sure there is nothing between you and God or you and anyone else, as far as possible (Matthew 5:23-24; Romans 12:18).
- **REVIEW** this list often, asking God to work a deep change in these areas.

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- Spend some time thanking God for His grace that allows us to be cleansed from _____

_____ (see check boxes on worksheet).

- For the next few minutes, let's read and "pray in" every Scripture that comes to mind about God's cleansing power and how He has invited us into His presence to experience Him in revival.

2. **INTERCESSION:** Let's move to intercession and spend some time praying for ourselves.

- Cry out to God for personal revival in your own life. Pray that we in this room would experience Him in personal revival *now*.
- Spend the next few minutes praying for our churches by name, that God would bring personal revival and that we would all cooperate with Him. Cry out for specific areas God brings to mind where we need to see personal revival: pride, unconfessed sin, moral impurity, family struggles, prayerlessness, etc.

In these last minutes, is God saying anything to us that we should do, or do together, to help foster revival and awakening in our areas? (Discuss.)

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