

Dream

IT'S TIME TO DREAM AGAIN

Dream: Revival

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Scripture: Acts 2:16-17

Series Overview:

Quit living as if the purpose of life is to arrive safely at death. It's time to DREAM again! We're believing God for nothing less than Revival, Reformation, and Renaissance in our nation, in our generation. The capacity to dream is part of the image of God, and the supernatural byproduct of a Spirit-filled life. Show me the size of your dream, and I'll show you the size of your God. It's time to dream big, pray hard, and think long!

Series Discussion Questions:

What are some dreams the Lord has been stirring in your heart?

Message Overview:

We are believing God for nothing less than revival in the church, reformation in the kingdom, and renaissance in culture.
At Bethlehem, He is God WITH us.
At Calvary, He is God FOR us.
At Pentecost, He is God IN us.

Message-Specific Discussion Questions:

What does "revival" look like in your life?

Pentecost is equal opportunity for all people

- Read Acts 2:16-17. It started with 10 days of waiting and preparing in prayer
- Revival happens on God's terms & timeline, but there are things we can do to set the table.
- If you aren't willing to be perplexed, you'll never be amazed.
- How has God stretched your comfort zone in the past year? Could that be preparation for revival?

"May the hammer of a HIGHER GOD smash your small cosmos."

G.K. Chesterton

Four keys to revival

1. Revival happens from the inside-out

- God can't fill me if I am full of myself
- We need more of God's Holy Spirit...which produces the fruit of the Spirit
- How do we prepare to not just be spiritually "fed" but hungry to know God more?

2. Revival is as unique as you are

- Read 1 Chronicles 7:14
- God meets us on our journey where we are. Revival for each of us looks different.
- There are revivals of courage, humility, worship, miracles, first love, joy, etc. throughout the Bible
- Let's reflect on where God wants to revive us as individuals. Pray into this, this week.

3. The catalyst for revival is consecration

- Read Leviticus 20:7-8, Galatians 2:20
- Consecration starts with a recognition that it is all FROM God, and it is all FOR God
- God declares us holy and sets us aside for a special purpose.
- We want to do amazing things for God, but our job is to consecrate ourselves and be available to God.

4. Revival is sustained by spiritual disciplines

- The only ceiling on your intimacy with God & impact on the world is daily spiritual disciplines.
- Read 1 Timothy 4:5, Hebrews 4:12, 2 Timothy 3:16, Jeremiah 1:12
- The Word of God combined with prayer is key to a walk with God.
- Faith comes from hearing, and hearing comes from God's Word.
- In a year of new habits, what is one thing you can do to plan daily time in God's Word?

Prayer: *Lord, help me not worry about the past, present or future. Help me hear your voice. Help me press into your Word and in prayer, and believe for a revival within me.*

"Go home. Lock yourself in your room. Kneel down in the middle of the floor, and with a piece of chalk draw a circle around yourself. There, on your knees, pray fervently and brokenly that God would start a revival in that circle."

Gypsy Smith

Practical Application

- Get a Bible reading plan and set a daily reminder. (Download the [NCC app](#) to find our plan).
- Dreaming is a form of prayer, and prayer is a form of dreaming. Commit to 21 days of prayer. Find a time & place. Make a list and keep a journal.
- Start the day with positive encouragement, in a prayerful virtual gathering by joining the [Upper Zoom](#) each Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 7:14am. **Register at** ncc.re/UpperZoom