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## Discussion Guide

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### The Spirit of Revival

Sermon by Pastor Zach Prosser

- The terms “revival” and “reformation” are often used together, but they don’t mean the same thing. A revival is a work of God, an act of awakening and refreshing. A reformation is the response of God’s people to the revival; it includes restoring genuine worship, removing any idols, and changing the ways of the church in response to God.

*Refer to Acts 2, Acts 3:19, and Joel 2 for examples of and references to revival.*

*Refer to Acts 19 for an example of reformation.*

*Refer to Acts 14:1-7 and Acts 17:1-9 for examples of resistance to revival and reformation.*

Have you experienced revival before? What did it look like? Was it followed by reformation, or did the church allow it to fizzle out instead of responding?

- Many signs often accompany revival. Some signs may be present that do not prove whether the movement is of God: these include involuntary bodily motion, intense religious feeling, unconventional acts, and prevalent talk about Christianity. These can accompany a true revival, but they can also occur apart from one. Other signs are biblical and indicate a true revival, such as the exaltation of Jesus and the Scriptures and the Spirit fostering love to God and man.

*Refer to Acts 10:10, John 6:2, Mark 15:13, and Galatians 2:11-13 for examples of signs which aren’t necessarily of God.*

*Refer to 1 John 4:2-3, 2 Peter 1:21, and 1 John 4:7-8 for examples of biblical signs of revival.*

Have you seen any of these signs at work? Were they of God, or not? How do you know?

- Revival is important, but we are also meant to *respond* to it in a number of ways: worshipping God, loving others, making disciples, increasing in fellowship with each other, and engaging in God’s work.

Why do you think these responses to revival are so important? Do you think revival is genuine if there is no fruit? Why or why not?

### Upcoming Events to Promote at Your Group

**Midweek Refresh |**  
Wednesdays 7pm

**The Hope Center |** Thursdays 10am-4pm

**Night of Hope |** May 23  
7pm

### Key Components of a Healthy Care Group

Worship  
Prayer  
Body Life Ministry  
Bible  
Discussion

*Remember to DELEGATE responsibilities to others!*

**\*Remember your Care Group benevolence offering!**

**\*\*After your Care Group, remember to complete your online Care Group Report or email your Section Pastor.**