

Prayer That Ignites Revival Pray As Jesus Taught – Part 5

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Introduction

Matthew 6:33 (ESV) But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

Mark 1:14-15 (ESV) ... Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

Luke 10:8-9 (ESV) Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you. Heal the sick in it and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you."

Acts 1:4-5 (ESV) ... he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, ... you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

Acts 4:31 (ESV) And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.

1. Respond to God's Invitation to Return

2 Chronicles 7:12 (ESV) Then the Lord appeared to Solomon in the night and said to him, "I have heard your prayer and have chosen this place for myself as a house of sacrifice."

Hebrews 4:16 (ESV) Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Romans 2:4 (ESV) Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?

2. Humble Yourself and Turn from Sin

2 Chronicles 7:13 (ESV) When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command the locust to devour the land, or send pestilence among my people,

2 Chronicles 7:14 (ESV) if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

Acts 3:19 (ESV) Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out,

3. Live as God's Dwelling Place

2 Chronicles 7:15 (ESV) Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayer that is made in this place.

2 Chronicles 7:16 (ESV) For now I have chosen and consecrated this house that my name may be there forever. My eyes and my heart will be there for all time.

1 Corinthians 3:16 (ESV) Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?

Prayer That Ignites Revival Study Guide

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Introduction.

1. What comes to mind when you hear the word revival, and why do you think it is so necessary for God's people today?
2. How does seeking God's kingdom first reshape the way we pray and live daily life? (Matthew 6:33)
3. Why are repentance and belief essential responses when God's kingdom comes near? (Mark 1:14–15)
4. How do healing and freedom from spiritual oppression reveal God's kingdom at work? (Luke 10:8–9)
5. Why was waiting for the Holy Spirit necessary before the disciples could bring revival to the world? (Acts 1:4–5)
6. What does this verse teach us about the connection between prayer, the Holy Spirit, and bold witness? (Acts 4:31)

1. Respond to God's Invitation to Return.

1. What does it mean that God chose the temple as a house of sacrifice, and how does that shape our understanding of worship today? (2 Chronicles 7:12)
2. How does drawing near to God with confidence help us receive mercy and grace in times of need? (Hebrews 4:16)
3. Why is God's kindness meant to lead us toward repentance rather than complacency? (Romans 2:4)
4. What are practical ways you can respond quickly to God's invitation to draw nearer to Him in this season of your life?

2. Humble Yourself and Turn from Sin.

1. Why might God allow hardship or disruption in the lives of His people, and how should we respond when it happens? (2 Chronicles 7:13)
2. What responsibilities does God place on His people when seeking forgiveness and healing for their land? (2 Chronicles 7:14)
3. How does true repentance go beyond asking for forgiveness and involve a change of direction toward God? (Acts 3:19)
4. In what areas might the Holy Spirit be calling you personally to humility and repentance so revival can begin in your heart?

3. Live as God's Dwelling Place.

1. What does it mean for God to be attentive to the prayers offered in the place where His people gather? (2 Chronicles 7:15)
2. How does knowing that God's heart is with His people shape the way we view worship and community life together? (2 Chronicles 7:16)
3. How does understanding the church as God's temple change how we value gathering, serving, and living together as believers? (1 Corinthians 3:16)
4. What steps can you take to more fully live as part of God's dwelling place both personally and within the church family?

Conclusion.

1. How does the story of revival beginning with a small group of praying people encourage you about what God can do today?
2. What might it look like for you to actively participate in God's work of renewal through prayer, humility, and obedience?
3. As God's dwelling place, how can our church reflect His presence and invite revival into our city and community?