



What is Revival

Florida – U.S.A.

“People continue to line up everyday in the hot Florida sun at 2 o’clock in the afternoon for the evening service at Brownsville church in order to get into the evening service. Revival scenes take place in every meeting and around 2,000 people are converted every month. This has been going on since Father’s day 1995. It has been gaining strength with no end in sight!!”

We have seen that true revival starts with the people of God and results in a massive conviction of sin and a new release of grace and forgiveness.

The second sign of a true revival is that the people of God become passionate in the sharing of their faith with the lost. With this new sense of gratitude for what God has done for them, comes a new realisation of the lostness of people who do not have Jesus. The call to discharge the mission of Christ, the Great Commission of Christ becomes the most important activity of the church. When we look at our community with so many people and so much need it’s easy for us to get discouraged . Revival gives us the heart, boldness and courage to share our faith and releases us from our fears and worries.

Read – 2 Corinthians 9 v 6 – 10

Discuss in Group – What does God promise us if we are faithful in our giving and the sharing of our faith?

Do you find it easy / hard to share your faith if so why?

How good do you think the people in our church are at sharing their faith?

Every Revival which has taken place has been halmarked by great amounts of people being converted to Christ and becoming part of His family, the church. Revival is where we as the local church see the harvest God has prepared being reaped by the power of the Holy Spirit at work in our daily lives. Many people just find themselves coming to church and getting saved. Many people in their homes, even in places of work, get convicted and surrender their lives to Jesus, as a massive revelation of conviction and truth comes over them. We see the power of Christ at work as His promises come true and we are anointed once again with the power of that first Pentecost.

Read – Acts 2 v 36 – 41

Discuss in group – If we saw a great harvest of souls come to Christ, do you think we are ready?
If no what do you think we should be doing to prepare ourselves?

The final sign of a Revival is that once again we are given the spiritual power and presence of the Holy Spirit in an obvious way. This is expressed in the gifts of the Holy Spirit being manifest and signs and wonders that accompany the Word as it is preached. We find that as we meet together as God’s people we experience new expressions of God’s reality and power and love. People are healed and released in their potential as His people. Hard hearts and stubborn minds are changed as God brings the conviction of His Holy Spirit upon them. God speaks and once again we have ears to listen and hearts to obey.

Read – Mark 16 v 15 – 20, 1 Corinthians 14 v 26 – 33

Discuss in Group – Jesus promises us both the gifts of the Spirit and signs of the Kingdom as authenticating evidence of the truth of what we declare about Him. Why do you think that so many Christians are uncomfortable with the gifts and signs Jesus wants to give us?

What do you think Jesus wants His people’s attitude to the gifts and signs of His Kingdom reign to be? Do you think the church / you, are prepared to let God have His way when Revival comes spiritual as well as practically?

Do we want Revival?