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# About the Author



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# Introduction

Your generation is unique. You've never known a world without the internet; your parents can't say that. You've lived through a global pandemic; something you'll probably never forget. You've seen radical shifts in how society thinks, acts, and works—some good things and some not so good things.

The realities of the world you are inheriting are scary in some ways and thrilling in others. Some older folks look around and say, "What a time to be alive and young!" Some mean that in a complementary way; some don't. All this to say, the world is a complicated place right now. There are so many exciting things happening and so much that is terrifying. The question is, what will you do with the time you have?

Many of your peers will decide that they have to look out for themselves and try to make their own name great. I want to challenge you to go in a different direction. I want to challenge you to look at the world, the good and the bad, and see it through God's eyes. Every single person walking the halls of your school, every single wealthy social media influencer, every single angry person at a restaurant demanding to see the manager, every single orphan in developing countries, every single person was made in the image of God. Every single person, no matter how attractive, or poor, or intelligent, or lazy, or happy, or depressed they may be, is someone Jesus died for on the cross. I want to challenge you to live to make His name great.

You have two choices. You can sit back and let the world change around you and do nothing. Or you can say, "God, you brought me into the world at this exact moment. How do you want to use me?" You can sit in the stands and watch what God is going to do in your generation, or you can stand up, raise your hand, and echo the prophet in Isaiah 6:8 by saying, "Here am I. Send me." What a time to be alive and young! God wants to use you and your generation. I'm praying you join God in how He wants to change the world through you. I'm praying you and your entire generation will be a revival generation!

# How to Use This Bible Study

This Bible study book includes eight sessions of content. Each session includes a video teaching, followed by content designed to be used by groups and individuals.

## VIDEO

Each teaching video is six to eight minutes long and is designed to help introduce the main idea and engage students in discussion. There is a listening guide with blanks to fill in as students watch the video teaching. Video content can be purchased at [lifeway.com/revivalgeneration](http://lifeway.com/revivalgeneration).

## GROUP TIME

These pages include questions and activities that guide students to respond to the video teaching and relevant Bible passages. It's important to consider the age, maturity level, and needs of students as you tailor this content to fit your group.

## TIME WITH JESUS

Four days of personal study are provided for each session to take students deeper into Scripture and to further the biblical truths introduced in the group discussion and teaching time. These pages challenge students to grow in their understanding of God's Word and apply what they are learning to their everyday lives.

## LEADER HELPS

At the back of the book is more content to help walk students through the material. There you will find a summary from Shane Pruitt and an icebreaker activity.

# How to Access the Videos

This Bible study has eight videos—one for each session. These videos enhance the content and launch discussion.

To stream the **Revival Generation Teen Bible Study** video teaching sessions, follow these steps:

1. Purchase the group video bundle or group leader kit at [lifeway.com/revivalgeneration](http://lifeway.com/revivalgeneration).
2. Go to [my.lifeway.com/redeem](http://my.lifeway.com/redeem) and register or log in to your Lifeway account.
3. Enter the redemption code provided at purchase to gain access to your group-use video license.

Once you've entered your personal redemption code, you can stream the video teaching sessions any time from your Digital Media page on [my.lifeway.com](http://my.lifeway.com) or watch them via the Lifeway On Demand app on any TV or mobile device via your Lifeway account.

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PURCHASE  
THE VIDEOS





# SESSION 1: REVIVAL

IT'S MORE THAN  
A FEELING



# Video Guide

## KEY SCRIPTURE: Acts 2:42-47

1. Revival is more than a \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Revival is \_\_\_\_\_ people, who are changing their community because they're serious about the \_\_\_\_\_ of God on their lives.
3. Our nation will never experience revival until the \_\_\_\_\_ in our nation experience revival.
4. Revival always comes from God, but it comes through His \_\_\_\_\_.

“We cannot organize revival but we can set our sails to catch the wind from heaven when God chooses to blow upon His people once again.”<sup>1</sup>

**G. CAMPBELL MORGAN**

“Will you not revive us again so that your people may rejoice in you.”

**PSALM 85:6**

# Group Time

**IS GOD DEAD?** That's what the cover read on the April 8, 1966, issue of *Time* magazine. For some, it may have felt that way. The 1960s were filled with major cultural shifts, such as rampant drug use, a sexual revolution, wars, racial unrest, political polarization, riots, protests, and attempts to tear down and rebel against traditional institutions. Sounds very similar to today, doesn't it?

## What are some of the biggest issues in the world today?

People looked at everything going on in the world and began to ask questions like, "Where is God in all of this? Why isn't the church doing anything? Is there hope? Is God really dead?" Ironically, it's the same questions that many dejected people are asking today. Especially, young people. You can easily see how broken the world is. People are hurting all around us. And, deep down you want to do something about it. To put it simply, you want change.

## What changes would you like to see in the world today?

Toward the end of the sixties, something shifted. It happened with young people when they began searching for hope, answers, and truth. They found that they weren't searching for something, but Someone. His name is Jesus.

A spark of revival began to grow. Within a few years, the spark turned into a raging inferno all over the United States and beyond. One scholar, who studied this movement of God, estimated that well over a quarter of a million new young people began to follow Jesus during these years.<sup>2</sup> This revival came to be known as the Jesus Movement or the Jesus Revolution. Even *Time* magazine noticed. On June 21, 1971, just five short years after their "Is God Dead?" cover, *Time's* new cover read: "The Jesus Revolution."

Now, it's time to ask God to do it again. It's time for revival.

## When you hear the word *revival*, what do you think of?

**REVIVAL** is the awakening of God’s people to their true purpose. Revival occurs when the Holy Spirit empowers and inspires people to get serious about knowing Jesus and obeying the Scriptures.

Many people think that revival is a feeling, your emotions are stirred up with lots of crying and “Holy Spirit goosebumps.” Of course, tears may be involved, but true revival is God’s people getting serious about worshiping Him above all and living out their true purpose of knowing Him and making Him known.

**Revival is more than a feeling; it’s an awakening.**

**What would it take for revival to happen again?**

Do you believe that this generation of teens and young adults, your generation, could be known as the Revival Generation?

## **BELIEVE IT & LIVE IT**

To look forward, we first need to look back. Let’s go back to when the church got started. Jesus, the Son of God, who has always existed, took a mission trip from heaven to earth to become a man and died for the sins of all humanity. However, He never stopped being God. Fully God, fully man, He lived the perfect life that you and I couldn’t live—a sin-free life. He took our place on the cross as a perfect substitute and sacrifice, paying the debt for our sin. The Savior died there on that cross and was buried in a borrowed tomb, but on the third day He overcame the grave and rose again. Then, look what He did:

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**After he had suffered, he also presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over a period of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ACTS 1:3**

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On the fortieth day, the last thing Jesus told His followers before He ascended back to heaven was a beautiful promise, but it’s also a guiding statement for what they were supposed to do with their lives from that point forward.

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**“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” ACTS 1:8**

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The promise of the Holy Spirit is a beautiful promise. Here is the Son of God promising the Spirit of God to be given to all believers. When you receive His Spirit, you will also receive His power, and this power will launch you to live differently everywhere you go.

**From this timeline of the birth of the church, what stands out as most significant to you?**

In Acts 2, you see the promise is fulfilled. The Spirit of God came to dwell and remain inside of Jesus’s disciples, and He changed everything. Peter (who just a few days before, denied knowing Jesus three different times) was now standing before thousands of people boldly sharing the gospel.

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**Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, each of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.” ACTS 2:38**

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What happened next is where we can trace our roots back to as the New Testament church.

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**So those who accepted his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand people were added to them. ACTS 2:41**

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That is a lot of men, women, boys, and girls who were filled with the Holy Spirit and began a new way of life. Those changed lives went on to change their communities. **This is what revival looks like!**

**Has there been a time in your life when you repented of your sins and placed your faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior? If so, have you been baptized? Why or why not?**

## READ ACTS 2:42-47.

**Make a list of five things the disciples did in Acts 2:42-47 that revealed their changed lives.**

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

Wow! That sounds exciting, doesn't it? That is definitely a community I would want to be a part of. How about you?

Revival is the overwhelming power of the Holy Spirit that fills us with such awe that we can't help but start living differently. When God's people live differently, everything around them is affected.

## HOW DO WE EXPERIENCE REVIVAL?

You can't manipulate or force revival to happen. Ultimately, revival is a work of God and only comes from His Spirit. However, we can be prepared if God so chooses to bring revival.

**Do you think there are times when God is ready to bring revival to His people, but we're not prepared, so we miss it? Why?**

**In Acts 2:2, the Bible describes the Spirit as a "rushing wind." How do we prepare ourselves to catch the wind from heaven if God chooses to send it?**

First of all, you must have the Holy Spirit. In Acts 2, it was the people who had the Holy Spirit that experienced the power of God.

## How do you know if you have the Holy Spirit living inside of you?

We know we have the Holy Spirit if we have genuinely placed our faith in Jesus as Lord and Savior. Has there ever been a time in your life when you truly believed the gospel and placed your faith in Jesus as Lord and Savior of your life? If not, right now is the time to do that.

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If you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

**ROMANS 10:9**

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From the list you created using Acts 2:42-47, what do you see revealed in your life right now?

What are some things that are absent but should be there?

Revival is more than a feeling. It’s a movement of God. Take the next four days to go deeper into what revival is and spend some time with Jesus.

## NEW BELIEVER RESOURCES

If you’ve placed your faith in Jesus for the first time today, the Holy Spirit now lives in you. Yes, you! But this is just the first step. Two great resources for students who recently started following Jesus are:



***Life Essentials: A Digital New  
Beginners Guide for Students***

(Get FREE access to next steps videos by texting LIFE to 888-123)

***Follower: Beginning  
Your Walk with Jesus***

by Lifeway Students





## REVIVAL IS BEING FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

### READ JOHN 3:5-8.

“Bless your heart” is a statement used in the southern part of the United States, often as a passive aggressive way of implicating that what the person said or did wasn’t necessarily the smartest thing in the world. Personally, I feel like I’ve had this said to me by friends and family way too many times to count. I tend to specialize in saying things that sound a lot better in my head than they do coming out of my mouth.

A man named Nicodemus had one of those moments with Jesus. However, thankfully, Jesus is a lot more patient and kind than we tend to be. Basically, Jesus told Nicodemus (who was a very religious man) that he must be born again to see the kingdom of God (v. 3). It’s a great reminder that being religious and moral does not save you. We all desperately need a Savior.

Interestingly, Nicodemus was only thinking purely in physical terms, “How can anyone be born when he is old?” (v. 4). This is probably the part where the rest of us would have said, “Nicodemus, bless your heart.” However, Jesus responded that being a part of the family of God is not something you’re physically born into; it’s something you have to be spiritually reborn into. You must be born of the Spirit. You must have “two births”: a physical birth (born of the flesh) and a spiritual birth (born of the Spirit).

### **Revival is more than a feeling; it’s being filled with the Holy Spirit.**

Have you had two births? Of course, we’ve all had a physical birth, but have you also have a spiritual birth?

**Write down your physical birthday. If you remember when it was, also write down your spiritual birthday. (Maybe even write it in your Bible. It’s an extremely important day!)**

In John 3:8, Jesus compared the Spirit to the wind. We also saw that comparison in Acts 2. I can't help but think of G. Campbell Morgan's quote:

*"We cannot organize revival, but we can set our sails to catch the wind from heaven when God chooses to blow upon His people once again."*<sup>3</sup>

One of the best ways to "set your sails to catch the wind from heaven" and experience revival is by praying. Talking to God, listening to what He has to say to you, and thinking about who He is and the promises of His Scriptures.

## PRAYER MOVEMENTS



### HANDS UP

A sign of surrender.

- **Read Colossians 1:16.**

Spend time telling God how great He is. Not because He needs to hear it but because you need to be reminded.

**Surrender** to the truth of who He is today and that He is worth following.



### HANDS OPEN

A sign of emptying out.

- **Read Matthew 16:24.**

What do you need to let go of today? What is getting in the way of you going all in on following Jesus, or what is tripping you up as you follow Him? **Empty out** by confessing any unrepentant sin.



### HANDS OUT

A sign of receiving.

- **Read Proverbs 3:5-6.**

Lastly, ask God to be with you today. Let Him know you are ready to **receive** any truth He teaches you. Through the power of the Holy Spirit be ready to obey anything He calls you to today. You're ready to receive His orders for you.

### REVIVAL IS A REMINDER OF YOUR IDENTITY IN CHRIST

September 18, 2004, the day I got married, is the day that my identity completely changed. Sure, I still have the same name and the same DNA, but I am no longer the same. Where I was once single, I am now a husband. It's a new identity.

As a husband there is now an expectation for me to live differently than when I was single. A new identity (being a husband) now requires new activity (living like a husband).

**Revival is more than a feeling; it's a reminder of your identity in Christ.**

**What significant event in your life do you feel changed you? How did it begin to make you live differently?**

That is what it means to follow Jesus as a born-again child of the most high God. In the moment that you were bought by the blood of Jesus and the Holy Spirit came to live inside of you, your identity changed. Yes, you still have the same name and the same DNA, but something radically changed for you that day!

**READ COLOSSIANS 3:1-4.**

This is exactly what Paul was talking about in Colossians 3:1-4. In verse 1, you see the work of the gospel changing who you are. The old you (a sinner separated from God) has died, and now a new you has "been raised with Christ" (Col. 3:1). When the power of God changes your *identity*, it will also begin to change your *activity*.

**Are there any actions or habits you continue to commit that no longer fit your identity in Christ? Make a list.**

Take those to the Lord right now in prayer, confessing and surrendering them over to Him. The gospel has already given you the power of victory, so by faith, it is time to trust that power by living differently.

## PRAYER MOVEMENTS



### HANDS UP

A sign of surrender.

- **Read 1 Timothy 1:17.**

Spend time giving glory to God. Think about all the ways He is wonderful and awesome and tell Him. **Surrender** anything inside of you that wants to keep the glory for yourself and give it to Him.



### HANDS OPEN

A sign of emptying out.

- **Read Matthew 16:25.**

What do you need to lose today? What needs to go so that you can find your identity only in Him? **Empty out** by confessing anything you are holding on to, or any notion that you can save yourself in your own power.



### HANDS OUT

A sign of receiving.

- **Read Philippians 2:1-4.**

Lastly, ask God to help you **receive** the blessing and calling of having the same attitude as Jesus and placing others before yourself.

## REVIVAL IS REALIZING THAT JESUS IS THE MOST VALUABLE TREASURE OF ALL

I love shoes. I'm what some people would call a sneaker head. However, there is one pair of shoes I'll never own: The solid gold OVO x Air Jordan 10's. According to Luxe Digital, they're solid twenty-four carat gold, worth two million dollars, and weigh fifty pounds each!<sup>4</sup>

**What is the most valuable thing you own? How did you obtain it?**

**READ MATTHEW 13:44-46.**

No matter how valuable these things are, nothing even comes close to the value of having a relationship with King Jesus. In these two parables, Jesus compared the kingdom of heaven to two treasures. The first parable compared the kingdom of heaven to a treasure found in a field. The man who found it sold everything he had to buy the field, so he could have the valuable treasure. The second parable compared the kingdom of heaven to a pearl of great price. The pearl merchant also sold all he had to buy this great pearl. What was Jesus saying in these two parables? Receiving the kingdom of God is nothing less than exchanging all that you are for all that He is.

**Revival is more than a feeling; it's realizing that Jesus is the most valuable treasure of all.**

**Why are we tempted to treasure things more than Jesus?**

You cannot hold on to the things of God and to the things of this world at the same time. You must let go of one or the other. Only the kingdom of God will last forever. The things of the world are passing away. Don't let the most glorious treasure slip away for lesser, corruptible disappointments.

**What are some things or people in your life that you are currently valuing more than Jesus?**

Take several minutes and listen to your favorite worship song right now. Don't hesitate to sing along with it and worship Jesus for the treasure that He is. Be reminded that He is the most valuable treasure of all.

## PRAYER MOVEMENTS



### HANDS UP

A sign of surrender.

- **Read 2 Samuel 7:22.**

Be like David today and tell God how great He is. Remind yourself that there is no one like Him. **Surrender** to Him and know that He is worth following with your whole heart.



### HANDS OPEN

A sign of emptying out.

- **Read Hebrews 4:12.**

Grasp the reality of the treasure that is God's Word. **Empty out** by letting His truth enter your soul and judge the thoughts and intentions of your heart.



### HANDS OUT

A sign of receiving.

- **Read John 3:16.**

Know with everything in you that God loves you. He loves you so much He sent His Son to die for you. **Receive** the treasure of the salvation He offers us all in Jesus and go in any direction He gives you today.

## REVIVAL IS A CALLING TO INFLUENCE THOSE AROUND YOU

READ MATTHEW 5:13-16.

The power of the gospel not only saves you *from* things, it also saves you *to* things. Often, we focus on how the gospel saves us from things like sin, death, destruction, and hell—and all of that is true. However, we also need to start focusing more on how the gospel calls us to things like a relationship with a risen King, a church family, a kingdom, and a mission to make Jesus known.

**List below three things God is calling you from and calling you to:**

There are many Christians who believe that they are to separate themselves from the world completely. They feel that the more they hide themselves, the more spiritual they become. In fact, many churches have come to adopt this same mentality. Sadly, many churches have become like private little clubs.

**Why does reaching people different from us often intimidate us?**

Jesus taught that we are not to separate ourselves from the world. We are to engage and influence our country and the towns we live in. Jesus implored His followers to be salt and light. We need followers of Christ who are not scared to have God shine through them so brightly that they affect the world around them.

**Revival is more than a feeling; it's a calling to influence those around you.**

Real revival will launch us into the world to live differently, to love people, to serve, and to point others to Jesus.

Name specific areas in your life where God is calling you to be “salt” and “light.” (For example, in your school, sports teams, family, job, etc.)

## PRAYER MOVEMENTS



### HANDS UP

A sign of surrender.

- **Read John 4:24.**

Spend time praying and referring to God by some of His names from Scripture, like Redeemer, Immanuel, Wonderful Counselor, and so on. Not because He needs to be reminded of His names but because you need to be reminded. **Surrender** to the truth of who He is today and that He is worth following.



### HANDS OPEN

A sign of emptying out.

- **Read 1 John 1:9-10.**

What do you need to let go of today? Is there unconfessed sin that you’ve been holding on to? The gospel is also a calling to obedience and holiness.

**Empty out** by giving it to your heavenly Father. Let Him handle it. When you get serious about wanting revival, you’ll also need to be serious about keeping away from sin.



### HANDS OUT

A sign of receiving.

- **Read Acts 1:8.**

Ask God to remind you of His power today. God has called you to be a witness and to make Him known to the ends of the earth. He has given you the power to do just that, which is His Holy Spirit. Let Him know you’re ready to **receive** this calling through His power today.