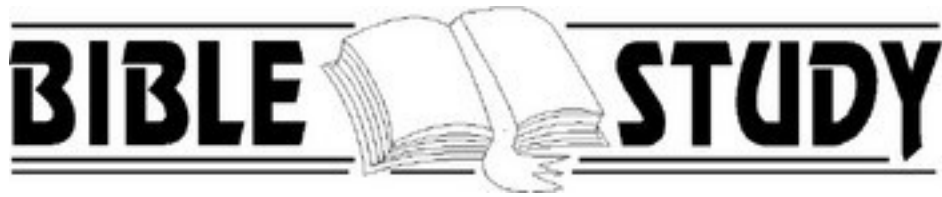


# Bible Study Revival

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## **Day: 1 Pray For Revival**

1. When you pray for revival what do you expect to happen?
2. What do the following say about revival?
  - Isaiah 43: 19
  - Ezekiel 47: 12
  - Acts 1: 8
3. What does Ezekiel 36: 25-27 say about the secret to revival?
4. Examine your own heart and see if any of the following sins are still in you:
  - Pride
  - Selfishness
  - Lack of unity
  - Lack of submission to authority
  - Disobedience
5. How are we supposed to live after we have prayed?
6. Discuss the following: "The prayer for revival has a cost and is an expensive prayer."
7. Read 1 Timothy 2: 1-5
  - Write down a few prayers for the circle of authority of the government
  - Write down a few prayers for the circle of authority of the church
8. Further Reading:
  - Revelations 5: 6-10.                      The importance of intercession
  - Acts 4: 24-32.                              The power of praying together
  - James 5: 13-18.                          The power of personal prayer
  - Psalm 13.                                      Persisting in prayer
  - Romans 13: 1-7.                          Prayer for the government

## **Day: 2 Protect Us From Evil**

1. What do you know about the world of the evil spirits?
  - Ezekiel 28: 12-17
  - Isaiah 14: 13-14
  - Daniel 10: 13 & 20
  - Mark 3: 15
  - Matthew 12: 43
  - Ephesians 1: 21
  - Revelations 12: 7-11
  
2. What does Ephesians 6: 10-18 teach us about the powers of darkness?
  
3. How can we recognize the attacks of Satan and the powers of darkness in?
  - Our congregation
  - Our care group
  - My personal life (1 Timothy 3: 7, 2 Corinthians 10: 4-5, John 13: 2, Matthew 5: 28 & Matthew 16: 19)
  
4. Should we address Satan personally or should we only call out to Christ?
  - Ephesians 2: 6
  - Matthew 16: 19
  
5. How does one resist the devil?
  - James 4: 7-8
  
6. How does one do "prayer warfare?"
  - Ephesians 6: 18
  - Romans 8: 26-27
  - 2 Chronicles 20
  
7. What will you say to someone saying they're afraid of the devil?
  - 1 John 4: 17-18
  - 2 Timothy 1: 6-10

## 8. Further Reading:

- 2 Corinthians 10: 3-6. Warfare in world of our thoughts
- Daniel 10: 9-16 & 20-21. Warfare in the world of the angels
- 1 Peter 5: 5-9. Resist the enemy
- Ephesians 4: 25-32. How does Satan get a foothold?
- Matthew 4: 1-11. Satan's temptations

## Day: 3 The Godly Key

1. What is your motto for life?
2. What was Jesus' attitude towards life and what was His motto?
  - John 5: 30 & 41-42
3. What was Paul's motto?
  - Galatians 2: 20
4. What were Peter's and the other apostles' attitude towards life and the secret of the success of their ministry?
  - Acts 5: 29-32
5. What is the relationship between revival/spiritual blessings and obedience?
  - Ephesians 4: 30
  - 1 Thessalonians 5: 19
6. What does Deuteronomy 11: 22-28 teach us about it? Also have a look at Joshua 6-7.
7. What are the consequences of disobedience?
  - 1 Samuel 15: 19-26
  - Hebrews 2: 1-5
  - Isaiah 1: 19-20
8. How do we react to?
  - Requests during sermons
  - Messages in your quiet time
  - Request of the congregation
9. Further Reading:
  - Philippians 2: 5-14. Christ's obedience
  - 1 Kings 3: 6-14. The secret of success
  - Acts 9: 31-35. The kernel characteristic of the church
  - Hebrews 11: 11-19. The price of obedience
  - Jonah 1: 1-12. The consequences of disobedience

## Day: 4 Renewal

1. Give a definition of what you understand "renewal" to be.
2. What is the definition of "renewal" according to the following?
  - Ephesians 4: 22-24
  - Ezekiel 47: 8-12
  - Luke 5: 33-39
3. Name the renewal aspects in the first Christian congregation.
  - Acts 2: 42-47
  - Acts 4: 31
4. Is it wrong to change your old, set way of doing things in your congregation?
5. Why do one experience resistance against renewal?
6. Which are the important traditions that should never be changed?
7. What does Mark 7: 5-13 say about it?
8. Is there still something in your congregation that needs to be renewed in line with God's word and will?
9. Further Reading:
  - Hebrews 5: 11- 6: 3. Do not stagnate spiritually
  - Ecclesiastes 7: 7-10. Clinging to the past
  - Acts 5: 26-32. Motto of the first Christians
  - 1 Thessalonians 5: 26-32. Open to the Spirit and His gifts
  - 2 Corinthians 5: 16-20. A "new" person lives "new."

## **Day: 5 How Does God Lead Us?**

1. What is God's purpose with?

- Your congregation
- Your care group
- You personally

2. What is the role of the Holy Spirit in helping us to understand God's will?

- Colossians 1: 9-11
- 1 Corinthians 2: 12-16

3. What can we do to hear God's voice better?

- Romans 12: 1-2
- Psalm 32: 8-9
- Psalm 37: 3-7
- Habakkuk 2: 2-3
- Isaiah 59: 1-2

4. How does one distinguish between God's voice and your own?

5. What can we do to give more space for the Holy Spirit to lead us in our personal life, in our care group and in our congregation?

6. Further Reading:

- Romans 8: 12-17. Life under the leadership of the Holy Spirit
- Romans 8: 26-28. The Holy Spirit teaches us how to pray and how to live.
- Exodus 33: 12-18. God reveals Himself to Moses
- Exodus 35: 30 - 36: 1. The Holy Spirit leads with planning and designing
- John 15: 1-8. Stay in God for the sake of fruit

## **Day: 6 Lovingly Taking Care Of Each Other**

1. How does Colossians 3: 12-17 explain the caring principle?
2. Evaluate how you, as a care group, cared for each in the passing month and how you experienced it.
3. What is the instruction in Galatians 6: 2?
4. How is this instruction going to come to its right in practice?
5. Why don't we really care about each other?
6. What can be done to encourage more "openness" in your care group?
7. How important is it to care about each other?
  - James 2: 14-17
8. What are the specific qualifications expected from a spiritual leader?
  - 1 Timothy 3: 1-13
9. How can you, as a care group, support your leaders better?
10. Further Reading:
  - 1 Corinthians 4: 1-5.                      Qualifications to serve and lead
  - Philippians 4: 14-18.                Taking care of the leader
  - Hebrews 13: 1-3.                      Be loving and hospitable
  - 1 John 3: 11-19.                      What is true love?
  - 1 Corinthians 13: 4-7.                What does love look like?

## **Day: 7 Loving Care Towards Others**

1. What are the instructions a Christian has to live by?

- 1 Peter 4: 7-11
- Hebrews 13: 14-17

2. Name the ways in which you are being of service at the moment. Share it with your care group.

3. Is there something more that you can do, taking your special gifts into consideration?

4. Discuss a way you and your care group can get involved in a project to help others.

5. How can one make a care group out of your family and your friends?

6. How can you use prayer to help people? How can you do it to help them even more?

7. Further Reading:

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| • Luke 10: 30-37.    | Illustration of love and service          |
| • Luke 14: 25-33.    | Love involves a sacrifice                 |
| • Luke 12: 30-34.    | The price and reward of a service of love |
| • James 2: 14-17.    | Love is a project                         |
| • Matthew 25: 31-46. | Love being judged                         |

## Day: 8 The Water Flowing Deeper

1. Read 2 Corinthians 10: 15. Define spiritual growth.
2. Why do you think it is important for the water to flow deeper? Why is spiritual growth after conversion so important?
  - Ezekiel 47: 2-7.
3. Take some time to evaluate your own personal growth.
4. Evaluate the spiritual growth of your care group.
5. Why are we not growing fast enough and what are the reasons of our stagnation?
6. What does Joel 2: 12-14 say about it?
7. Read Hebrews 5: 11 -6: 1.
  - What are we warned against here?
  - What does it tell us about multiplying and the role of assistant leaders?
8. What are the signs of spiritual growth? Ephesians 4: 11-16
9. Further Reading:
  - Deuteronomy 11: 20-27.                      The secret to spiritual growth
  - Romans 12: 1-2.                              The threat of worldliness
  - Colossians 1: 9-14.                          The importance of spiritual growth
  - 2 Peter 3: 14-18.                              God walking with us on this road of spiritual growth
  - 1 Corinthians 14: 18-21.                      Build other and grow spiritually yourself

## Day 9: Growth Through Pruning

1. Read 2 Timothy 2: 14-21

- What does a care group has to guard against?
- Why do we have to cleanse ourselves?

2. Why do we sometimes experience a "desert" time in our spiritual life?

- Exodus 3
- 1 Kings 19
- Matthew 4
- Galatians 1: 11-24

3. What is the purpose of trials in our lives?

- Hebrews 12: 4-13

4. What does John 15: 1-8 say about growth through pruning?

5. What can we do to make the water grow deeper in our spiritual life?

- Hosea 12: 7

6. Discuss the following statement: "Hardships distinguish between a real relationship with Christ and simple religiousness."

7. What is the role of the Holy Spirit in the process of spiritual growth?

9. Further Reading:

- 1 Corinthians 3: 1-3. The Holy Spirit and spiritual growth
- Colossians 4: 12-17. Believers growing
- 1 Timothy 4: 12-16. Examples of growth
- 2 Thessalonians 1: 3-4. Faith growing and expanding
- Luke 2: 29-42. Jesus as a child

## Day 10 Equipped With The Talent To Serve

1. Read Ephesians 4: 11-13

- What is the strategically plan given her for the functioning of a congregation?
- What will be the result and consequences if this plan is implemented and working?

2. What is the purpose of church membership and Christianship?

- Galatians 5: 13
- Romans 12: 1
- 1 Peter 4: 10

3. In which of the areas of service are you involved already?

4. How much time per week are you prepared to give?

5. What will the results be if all the members of the church are involved in the areas where they are equipped with talents and gifts?

6. Decide on an area where you can get involved in with the talents, gifts and interests you have.

7. Further Reading

- Acts 2: 1-11.           Receive the Holy Spirit and gifts
- Mark 16: 15-20.       Your task with your gifts
- Luke 11: 9-13.        Promise of the Holy Spirit
- Acts 19: 1-7.         Ignorance about the Spirit
- John 7: 37-39.        The Spirits reaches out

## **Day: 11 Every Christian Has Gifts**

1. What does 1 Corinthians 14: 26 teach us about the functioning of a care group?
2. What will be the result if the gifts of the Spirit function in a care group?
3. What are we warned against in?
  - 1 Timothy 4: 14
  - 2 Timothy 1: 6
4. In which ways can the gifts be neglected?
  - Selfishness
  - Disobedience
  - Ignorance
  - Structures
5. Define a gift of the Spirit.
6. Read the following and write down the gifts you have received and the ones you desire:
  - 1 Corinthians 12: 8-10
  - 1 Corinthians 12: 28
  - Romans 12: 6-8
  - 1 Peter 4: 9
  - Ephesians 4: 11
  - Exodus 31: 3
  - 2 Timothy 2: 1-2
7. Further Reading:
  - 1 Corinthians 12: 31-13: 3. Even more important than gifts
  - John 13: 34-35. Characteristics of someone filled with the Spirit
  - Psalm 37: 3-5. My passion
  - Matthew 25: 14-30. Use your gifts
  - John 16: 12-15. Why did the Holy Spirit come?

## Day 12 Test The Gifts

1. What are the prerequisites for the effective functioning of the gifts?

- The Holy Spirit
- Clean and holy channel
- Your attitude
- Your structures
- Biblical principles
- Agreement amongst each other

2. Should we wait until all our fear subside before we dare to start serving others spiritually in obedience to God's word?

3. What are we warned against in?

- 1 John 4: 1
- 1 Corinthians 12: 1-2

4. What does Matthew 7: 15-20 say about all this?

5. What are the guidelines given to us in 1 Thessalonians 5: 19-23 for the proper functioning of the gifts in a congregation and in a care group?

6. Are the gifts of the Spirit functioning as they should in your congregation and in your care group?

7. How does one test whether an idea or a thought is from God, yourself or even from Satan?

- 2 Timothy 3: 14-17
- 2 Corinthians 13: 1
- Hebrews 13: 17

8. Further Reading:

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| • Ezekiel 12: 21-28.       | What does God say will happen? |
| • 1 Kings 13: 26-34.       | Whom are you listening to?     |
| • Joel 2: 25-29.           | God speaking supernaturally    |
| • 1 Corinthians 12: 12-20. | One through the Spirit         |
| • 1 Corinthians 12: 21-27. | Bless each other               |

## **Day: 13 The Water Flowing Wider**

*Read Matthew 5: 13-16*

1. What is the command that Jesus is giving here?
2. What is the warning Jesus is giving us here?
3. What is the symbolic meaning of the salt and the light?
4. Looking at the world around you why would you say witnessing is so important?
5. Make a list of people that you know that needs Jesus.
6. Make a commitment to pray for these people.
7. Pray that your life will make people desire being Christians.
8. Further Reading:
  - 2 Corinthians 4: 3-7.           The light of the gospel
  - 2 Timothy 1: 6-9.            Witnessing shamelessly
  - 2 Timothy 4: 1-5.            When do we have to witness?
  - 2 Timothy 2: 21-26.         Guidelines for witnessing
  - Acts 4: 27-31.                When does effective witnessing start?

## **Day: 14 How Does One Witness?**

1. What is God's plan and ideal for each member of a congregation or care group?
2. When do we have to witness?
  - 1 Peter 3: 15
  - 2 Timothy 4: 2
3. What should the role of our actions and our example be in spreading the gospel?
  - Matthew 5: 16
4. What should the role of words be in spreading the gospel?
  - Romans 10: 14
5. What can we do to make people we are praying for aware of the fact that we love them?
6. Describe the different styles of witnessing in the following:
  - Direct confrontation. Peter in Acts 2: 13-15 and 36-38
  - Logical and with reasoning. Paul in Acts 17: 1-4 and 10-12 and 2 Corinthians 10: 5
  - Listening and a personal story. The blind man John 9:13-15 1 John 1: 3
  - Friendship. Levi in Luke 5: 27-29 1 Corinthians 9: 22
  - Street work as in the woman at the well. John 4: 27-30 and Luke 14: 23
  - Service style of Dorcas. Acts 9: 36-42
7. Which of the styles above suits you best and feel "right" to you?
8. Further Reading:
  - Isaiah 61: 1-3. Bring the good news
  - Matthew 10: 32-39. Do not deny God
  - Matthew 28: 16-20. The big command
  - Acts 1: 3-8. Equipped to witness and spread the gospel
  - Mark 2: 13-17. Focused on the lost

## Day 15 How Does One Start Witnessing?

1. Discuss the ways in which one can start a spiritual conversation:
  - Building a bridge of friendship
  - Find a point of connection
  - Mention something spiritual that you have experienced
  - Give a personal confession
  - Direct confrontation
2. Name examples of points of connections you can use to start a spiritual conversation.
3. What can the role of a care group be towards the goal of spreading the gospel?
4. How can one start a spiritual conversation by pointing out the difference between true Christianity and only religiousness?
  - Matthew 7: 21-23
5. How can a spiritual conversation be started by enquiring about requests for prayer?
6. Which direct questions can lead to a spiritual conversation?
7. Discern the separate steps in the way Paul witnessed in the following:
  - Acts 26: 4-11 (before)
  - Acts 26: 12-18 (the cross)
  - Acts 26: 19-23 (now)
  - Acts 26: 25-29 (question and reaction)
8. Explain the gospel according to the following:
  - John 3: 16
  - Isaiah 59: 1-2
  - Isaiah 53: 5-6
  - John 1: 12
  - Revelations 3: 20
9. Explain the gospel according to cross spanning the division
10. What should you do if someone wants to commit his or her life to Jesus?

## 11. Further Reading:

- Titus 3: 3-7. Structure for witnessing
- Isaiah 43: 10-12. A witness for Christ
- Acts 2: 41-47. To be save is the center of it all
- Isaiah 12: 1-3. It should be carried out to all
- Luke 21: 12-19. God will place the words in your mouth

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