

ARE WE SEEING ANOTHER SPIRITUAL AWAKENING?

NEHEMIAH 9

MAIN TAKEAWAY

A revival is when God's people come back to life again. Revival leads to evangelism, and it changes communities. Let's pray for revival in the church and spiritual awakening in our country!

INTRODUCTION

As your group time begins, use this section to introduce the topic of discussion.

Pastor Greg shared that America has had four spiritual awakenings, with the latest being the Jesus Movement. Do you think we are seeing another spiritual awakening in our country and in Southern California? What are some of the signs?

The church needs a revival, and America needs a spiritual awakening. How are these two related? Why must revival start with us?

UNDERSTANDING

Unpack the biblical text to discover what the Scripture says or means about a particular topic.

HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ PSALM 85:6; ROMANS 13:11-14

Revival is coming back to life—it's refreshment, restoration, and returning to original condition. How is revival getting back to the Christian life as it was meant to be lived? What does this look like?

Revival is waking from sleep—it's turning from sin. What are the signs that a Christian might be spiritually asleep? What might cause them to wake up?

HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ NEHEMIAH 9:1-4

If we want to see revival, we must pray with passion (v.1). What may cause you to pray fervently (Acts 12:5; James 5:17)?

If we want to see revival, we must confess our sins and separate from ungodly influences (v.2). Why are both actions needed, and how do they go together (John 1:9; Psalm 1:1-2)?

God's people heard God's Word and acted on it (v.3-4). How is the Bible our model for how to live and think (Joshua 1:7-9; 2 Timothy 3:16-17)?

Revival always leads to evangelism (Acts 2:47). Why does revival overflow into evangelism? How have you experienced this?

APPLICATION

Help your group identify how the truths from the Scripture passage apply directly to their lives.

The evidence of revival is not just a full church building, but a changed community. How have you experienced this change? In what ways do you want to see more change?

Pastor Greg explained, "New believers need older believers to stabilize them. Older believers need new believers to energize them." What do these relationships look like in your life? Do you need to be stabilized, energized, or both?

PRAYER

Pray earnestly to the Lord of the Harvest, that you will be a laborer sent into His plentiful Harvest (Matthew 9:38). Pray for personal revival—to confess your sins and separate from ungodly influences, to hear and live God's Word, and to share your faith.