

Week 5:

# The Next Generation & Revival



## Questions

1. Have someone read Joel 1:3 aloud. None of us are perfect at this. Take a moment to share times you've done this or times you haven't. Feel free to share any challenges you're facing with this.
2. Have someone read Deuteronomy 4:9 aloud. As you have processed the last sermon, is there a point, story or illustration that has stuck with you?
3. If God would do something God-sized through your children, grandchildren or the young people in your life, what would you want to see God do through them? Think bigger than "the American Dream." Think of eternity, souls, the expansion of Christ's Kingdom and the works that will glorify God when we gather in heaven. Think of the nationwide revival we are praying for and fueling in our own hearts, families, and churches.
4. The daily Revival prayer that you have posted in your home and are (hopefully) praying aloud includes this line: "Use me and our church to raise up spiritual leaders in the next generation." What do you think God could do if faithful believers in every city across the United States continue praying this daily, until Christ returns?
5. In addition to our prayers, what would it look like in your schedule and finances for you to really prioritize the next generation? What would it look like for you to invest the rest of your days on earth in a partnership with God to raise up a revival generation?
6. Have someone read Psalm 145:4 aloud. Your role in nationwide revival includes the simple but faithful declaration of God's mighty acts—spoken from your mouth into the ears of young people in your life. On a scale of 0 to 10, how faithful have you been at declaring God's "mighty acts" to the young people in your life? Why?
7. Have you ever served in the nursery, children's, kids, teens or student ministries at your church? Would you be willing to do so, if you knew for a fact that your service would be a crucial part of the next Great Awakening?
8. Have someone read aloud Deuteronomy 6:5-9. Sometimes our kids or grandkids tease us or even mock us because we point them to Jesus and His Word so often. Such teasing is a badge of great spiritual accomplishment, so long as that pointing to Jesus has been done in love. Are you living in such a way that your kids, grandkids or young people in your life could lovingly tease you for always pointing everything back to God, His Word and the hope of Jesus? If not, what could change for you to live out the heart of these verses?



9. The drift away from God during prosperity *usually begins* with a generation of parents and grandparents who do love God, but who are not intentional about passing along their faith. What can you do to ensure that a prosperity drift does not draw your own children or grandchildren to worship wealth and comfort instead of worshipping God?
10. Have someone read Zephaniah 2:3 and 2 Kings 23:25 aloud. Zephaniah, the prophet, was used by God to lead Josiah to revival, which then led the nation to a season of revival. If God would raise up government leaders and cultural leaders from the young people in your church and family, what positions would you desire for them to serve in? What character and values would you desire for them to spread throughout the land?
11. As you talk with your kids, grandkids or other young people—about their future careers and studies—do you make it a point to inspire them toward Kingdom service in the world? Or is your advice merely at the level of making money and living a comfortable life? Reflect on this and consider what relationships or conversations you may need to revisit to be a truly spiritual leader.
12. Who on your salvation prayer list do you need to invite to the new series called *Come to Jesus*? Beginning February 19 & 22.

## Takeaways

- When evil and division are destroying your nation, what can you do to turn the people to God?
- **Zephaniah 2:3 (NIV)**  
Seek the Lord, all you humble of the land, you who do what he commands. Seek righteousness, seek humility; perhaps you will be sheltered on the day of the Lord's anger.
- **2 Kings 23:25 (ESV)**  
Before him there was no king like him, who turned to the Lord with all his heart and with all his soul and with all his might, according to all the Law of Moses, nor did any like him arise after him.
- Revival comes through the Next Generation...after the older remnant has pointed them to God.
- **3 Ways to Ignite the Next Generation**
  1. Train, direct and instruct toward Christ and Scripture, with love.
- **Deuteronomy 6:5-7 (NIV)**  
Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.
- **Young Revival Leader – Trained By**  
Josiah – Zephaniah  
Ester – Mordecai



John the Baptist – Zechariah & Elizabeth  
Peter – Jesus  
John – Jesus  
James – Jesus  
Paul – Barnabus  
Titus – Paul  
Timothy – Paul

- View every toddler and teen as a nation-changing Revival leader in God’s hands.
- Revival outlasts us when we train today’s young people to be tomorrow’s Christ-centered leaders, preparing them to serve Christ in every corner and vocation of our nation.
- It’s time to get off the sidelines and get on the frontline.
- **3 Ways to Ignite the Next Generation**
  2. Model a Kingdom-first lifestyle by choosing revival in your own heart.  
I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.  
– 3 John 1:4 (NIV)
- **American Revival Leader – Trained By**

John Wesley – mother, church  
Jonathan Edwards – dad, pastor, church  
Charles Finney – mother, church  
Harriet Beecher Stowe – dad, church  
D.L. Moody – uncle, others  
Martin Luther King, Jr. – dad, pastor, church  
Billy Graham – parents, Mordecai Ham, church, Bible college faculties, donors who funded his education
- 28.8 Years Old – The average age of Christian leaders who launched America’s four Great Awakenings.
- **Deuteronomy 4:9 (NIV)**

Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them fade from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them.
- **Joel 1:3 (NIV)**

Tell it to your children, and let your children tell it to their children, and their children to the next generation.
- **3 Ways to Ignite the Next Generation**
  3. Serve or fund Next Generation ministry in your church, or both.
- Serve our kids, students, young adults, Youth Worldview
- We can plant the seeds for tomorrow’s enduring revival today.
- The seeds of sustained revival must be planted by:
  - Intentional parents and grandparents
  - Local churches and ministries that prioritize the next generation



- Young people who go “all-in” for Jesus
- Generous donors who fund discipleship ministry to and through these people.
- **1 Peter 2:12 (NIV)**  
Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

