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STUDY 3

Revive, Restore, Repair, Release

Ezra 9:8-9 (NKJV)

This scripture, that will frame our year, talks about the restoring of spiritual passion under Ezra's leadership. It contains four words for us to confess for this year: **revive, restore, repair and release.**

You revive dead or dying things, and this is a year when spiritual passion in some people will be revived; a reviving of spiritual passion for Christ. Or if your dream seems to have come to a kind of death, let's believe to see it revived. If your finances have taken a hit, let's believe to see a revival in that area. Wherever things in your life are dead or dying – this is a revival year!

You restore old and valuable things. We're believing to see old things that have fallen into disrepair to be replenished. You repair broken things, and you release those things that are bound and held captive. If you have bondage in the form of depression, addiction or internal conflict – this is a year of release. This will be a year full of testimony to the goodness and favour of God right across our church.

This year we can align ourselves with God's mission. What is God's mission in your life, because that is what we want to tap into. And together we will pursue the mission of God.

Brian & Bobbie

CONNECTION AND ACTION Use these questions to promote conversation and connection.

ICEBREAKER: Where were you born and where did you spend the first five years of your life? (**Leaders Tip:** This is a new addition. Use this question to stimulate easy conversation and connection).

Q: How are you planning on aligning yourself this year with God's mission?

Q: REVIVAL- What comes to mind when you hear the word "revival?"

Q: What might revival look like in your life? In the life of our church? In our city?

Q: RESTORATION- When we think of God restoring things, what kind of things do you think of? What is God in the business of restoring?

Q: What has God already restored to health in your life? What are you hoping will be restored this year?

Q: RENEWAL- What are the promises of God that you have claimed? What promises have you claimed that are yet to reach fruition, but you are believing for?

Q: RELEASE- What areas of your life are you hoping to see release in this year?

HIGHLIGHTS COMING UP

- COLOUR YOUR WORLD CONFERENCE – Conference One at the Sydney Entertainment Centre Thurs 7th – Sat 9th March still has room for you and the girls! Register now at colourconference.com
- HILLSONG FOUNDATION - Our first one of 2012! This is a great opportunity to gather and connect with our church family as we centre on a united cause. 8am Saturday 23th February @ Hills/City/South West & Brisbane Campuses. RSVP myhillsong.com

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BIBLE AND BELIEF Use these questions and scriptures to help believers develop a biblical worldview.

- Q.** What are some biblical principles to do with **Revival**? What Bible passages would you refer to? (**Tip:** check out 2 Chronicles 7:14, Psalm 133, Acts 2:42-47)
- Q.** **Read** Luke 4:14-21. What does this passage show us about God's Kingdom and his approach to changing the world?
- Q.** If we want to have some areas of our lives **Restored**, what biblical principles ought we apply? What biblical passages would you turn to? (**Tip:** check out Luke 6:10, 2 Cor 3:11, 1 Peter 5:10)
- Q.** If we were wanting to have a relationship renewed, what biblical principles and passages should we apply? (**Tip:** see Matt 5:23, Matt 18:15)
- Q.** What does the Bible teach about seeing spiritual **Renewal** in our lives?
- Q.** What biblical examples are there of people having their lives or dreams **renewed**? (**Tip:** check out Joseph, Ruth, the woman with the issue of blood)

GROWING LEADERSHIP Use these questions to help people in your group grow as leaders.

- Q:** What role, as a leader, do you play in **revival** this year?
- Q:** As a leader, what can you do to **restore** relationships in the lives of those you are ministering to?
- Q:** What ways do you think your leadership could be **renewed**, freshened & strengthened this year?
- Q:** What principles should we as leaders follow as we help people see **restoration** in their lives?

Strategising

Spend time with your leaders coming up with plans for:

- Cultivating revival in your connect groups and teams.
- Raising and developing leaders

PRAY TOGETHER – Colour Sisterhood

- Everyone engages with the spirit of all that is happening
- Holy Spirit to help us achieve what we need to
- Clarity of vision & ease of preparation

PASTORAL CARE

- We have a pastoral care team at church to walk alongside of people in your group who may be going through a tough time
- Please contact the church office Sydney 02 8853 5353 or Brisbane 07 3422 8500 to let us know of anybody in your group (with their permission) who have sickness, death of a loved one, marriage challenges, surgeries.

NATION BUILDERS – ON MISSION

One of the best ways you can be 'On Mission' is to regularly inspire your group to receive Nation Builders. Nation Builders is the Missions Giving of Hillsong Church. Your giving makes a massive difference in helping us achieve our mission of 'reaching and influencing the world'. The information below lets you know the Causes we are supporting this year. As a connect group, please take the time to complete your Nation Builders Faith Goal this week. It's a great way to keep your group focussed on the difference we can make together. Below are the causes for 2013-

1. **CHURCH PLANTING** – Supporting a new generation of dynamic leaders to plant and build churches that will serve communities, influence cities and ultimately impact nations. Including: Amsterdam, Japan, Germany, Moscow, Paris, Stockholm, Berlin.
2. **GOSPEL MISSIONS** – Supporting missions locally and others that are furthering the gospel to all four corners of the globe. Including Mission Aviation Fellowship, Sports Chaplaincy, Hillsong TV and supporting overseas workers in China, Kazakhstan, Pakistan, Thailand and South East Asia.