

# THIS IS REVIVAL.



## WEEK 1

### The Art of Being Present

#### Acts 2:46-47, Ephesians 2:19-22

God is looking for instruments of revival. Jesus described revival as a harvest and invites us to be His workers. There is an element of revival that is God ordained, but our choices and actions are critical.

To be ready for revival, God doesn't ask us to be able, but available. He isn't looking for geniuses - qualified, well-educated people. Instead, God is looking for people he can trust, who He can rely on. People with courage, who are going to say what He calls them to say, people who are not worried about what other people think about them; people who desperately want God to change their community, who are going to pray, who will read their bible, and who will decide to come to church.

Together, as His instruments of revival, we can decide to be "present" and commit to being available for His harvest. We can prepare by throwing off the hindrances to revival - things in our heart and life that keep us from being present: distraction, lukewarm-ness, unbelief, fear of rejection, and apathy.

God is about to do something in our midst and is looking for instruments of His revival. Together, let us make a decision to be available, to turn up, to be present, and to be ready to usher in His harvest.

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

**ICEBREAKER:** What do you think about our "40 Days of Revival" devotional?

**Q:** Share what God has been saying to you through this week's devotionals?

**Q:** Why do you think being "present" is important in revival?

**Q:** Being present involves more than just showing up. How can we maximise "being present"? (**Leader's Tip:** come spiritually prepared, come ready to engage, come to encourage others, come ready to serve, etc).

**Q:** It's easy to think about being present at church. What other places do you think God is asking you to be "present" in these revival times? (**Leader's Tip:** family, workplace, in relationships, amongst neighbours, etc)

**Q:** Being present is easier when you've found where you fit. How is this going for you?

**Activity:** Do today's Revival Devotional together.

#### HIGHLIGHTS COMING UP

- Mega Prayer Night [with Conference Training] – Tuesday 18 June at all Campuses. Come as a Connect Group as we pray for our Church, community and nation!
- This is Revival – Join us as we countdown to the Heart for the House weekend & Hillsong Conference. Pick up your 40 day Devotional from church!

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

**Read: Haggai 1:1-2:5**

- Q.** What was the scenario at the time when God spoke to His people through His prophet Haggai?
- Q.** How did Haggai demonstrate a life committed to the building of the House of God?
- Q.** What can we learn from Haggai's challenge to the people of God in ch 1? How can we apply this in how we look at the church today?
- Q.** What encouragements did Haggai give the people about building God's house in ch 2? How can they be applied to us today?
- Q.** Why do you think the bible likens the people of God (the church), to a building (the temple, the house of God)?
- Q.** What parallels are there between building a physical house and building the house of God – the people of God?

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

- Q:** What are the qualities of a church builder?
- Q:** Which of these qualities are strengths for you, and which ones need some work?
- Q:** What has been your biggest revelation about the Church this year?
- Q:** How would you respond to someone who says "I don't give to buildings, I only give to people."
- Q:** What are you doing in your leadership to create a heart for the house amongst those you lead?

### Strategising

Spend time with your leaders strategizing how to cultivate passion for the House amongst your groups and teams

### PRAY TOGETHER

- Pastors Brian & Bobbie Houston
- Decisions for Jesus in our Services
- New Connect Group Leaders



**NATION BUILDERS.**