

# THIS IS REVIVAL.



## WEEK 5 Personal Sacrifice

### Philippians 2, Romans 12:1, 2 Corinthians 9:9-15

Our sacrifice is our response to the sacrifice of Jesus. He trusted the Father, obeyed His will perfectly, and gave himself freely. The result of his sacrifice is that we are made right with him, we remain close to him and his Spirit lives within us, writing his truth on our hearts.

When our hearts grasp the reality of his sacrifice for us, our response is to offer our whole lives to him. Everything we are, everything we have, everything we do, say, think, feel - we freely offer to him, because of all He has given us (Romans 12:1). And the result of our sacrifice will be blessing, salvation and freedom for others.

We have the opportunity in faith to learn to give and sacrifice as Jesus did. During this season of revival as we draw near to God and each other, let us ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to us ways we can reflect Christ's heart and life of sacrifice. Let us give everything to see the Father's will done and His Kingdom established in and through our lives.

This weekend we have the tremendous opportunity bring a sacrificial offering. As in previous years, this offering will make the difference in us as a church being able to pursue so many kingdom initiatives that are on our hearts. It is the sacrificial giving of God's people, in response to the lavish and generous grace of God that enables the good news of Jesus and his kingdom to extend to a hurting and broken world.

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

**ICEBREAKER:** Share the most impacting sacrifice someone has made for you.

- Q:** Tell the story of how you started giving as a Christian (**Leaders Tip:** This could be both financial giving and generosity in general).
- Q:** Have you had the experience of God telling you to give something? Tell the story of what happened.
- Q:** How do you employ the idea of using what's in your hand to fulfill what's in your heart? What's in your hand? What's in your heart? How do you connect them?
- Q:** Have there been obstacles you have had to overcome and increase you enjoyed as you developed a life of generosity? Tell us about them.

**Activity:** How have you been preparing yourself for our Heart for the House weekend?

### HIGHLIGHTS COMING UP

- Hillsong Conference! We are all going! See how you can be a part of Conference by checking out [hillsongconference.com](http://hillsongconference.com)
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**BIBLE AND BELIEF** Use these questions and scriptures to help believers develop a biblical worldview.

**Read: Philippians 2**

- Q. What personal sacrifices does this scripture say Jesus made for us?
- Q. What did he gain as a result?
- Q. Paul encourages us to have the same "attitude" as Jesus. What do you think his attitude was? What are some ways we can reflect that same attitude?
- Q. It is fair to say that Jesus displayed a heart of selflessness. How do we attain a similar heart?

**Read: 2 Corinthians 9:9-15**

- Q. This passage talks about sowing and reaping. Why does God bless generosity?
- Q. Why does God love a cheerful giver (v7)
- Q. In vv10-11, what do you think it means for God to "increase your store of seed..., enlarge the harvest of your righteousness ... make you rich in every way"?

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

- Q: What personal sacrifices should a leader make for their followers?
- Q: How do you think you're doing modelling sacrifice and generosity to others? (**Tip:** Perhaps get people to reflect on and encourage each other's example).
- Q: Think of an influential leader you know. What sacrifices have they made that inspired or led you to sacrifice?
- Q: How would you approach encouraging someone to start giving & tithing?

**Strategising**

Brainstorm ideas to build faith and vision in your teams around Heart for the House.

**PRAY TOGETHER**

- Pastors Brian & Bobbie Houston
- Heart For House Weekend
- Hillsong Conference
- Decisions for Jesus in our Services



**NATION BUILDERS.**