

the UNEXPLAINABLE *life*

For the next five weeks, we will talk about the Holy Spirit's work in your life. In other words, what does it look like to experience personal revival? We often talk about revival in the context of our church or nation, but none of that is possible if that person is not revived. We're going to call this series "The Unexplainable Life." We desire that the Holy Spirit does such work in your life over the next five weeks that the power of God begins to flow through you in an unexplainable way as you live your life. In this series, we'll dive deep into Scripture and turn to historical examples, such as the Lewis Awakening in Scotland, to uncover principles for preparing our hearts for personal revival.

Key Passage: Proverbs 1:7

Discussion Questions:

1. Why is preparation important for experiencing a revival in one's life?

Preparation is crucial because significant things, such as starting a new job or planning a proposal, require intentional effort and readiness. Similarly, experiencing revival requires a heart prepared to seek God and an awareness of His presence.

2. What does the Bible mean by "the fear of the Lord" in Proverbs 1:7?

The "fear of the Lord" encompasses awe, reverence, and worship but also a genuine sense of God's power and authority that can evoke dread or terror. It involves constantly being aware of God's presence and adjusting one's life accordingly.

3. How does the fear of the Lord contrast with a lack of fear?

To fear the Lord means living with an awareness that God sees and knows all and being mindful of the consequences of sin. A lack of fear leads to carelessness, hidden sins, and a disregard for God's authority and presence.

4. What role does the fear of the Lord play in revival?

The fear of the Lord brings an awareness of God's presence that moves individuals and communities to seek Him. Revival begins when people become conscious of God daily and respond to His call with repentance and submission.

5. How does Proverbs 1:7 establish the foundation for wisdom and knowledge?

Proverbs 1:7 teaches that the fear of the Lord is both the starting point ("resit," meaning beginning) and the essence of true wisdom. Wise living begins with reverence for God, while foolishness comes from rejecting wisdom and instruction.

6. What are the three types of fools described in Proverbs, and how do they differ?

Type 1: Dull and closed-minded, resistant to change due to stubbornness or laziness.

Type 2: Lacking spiritual perception, often out of ignorance.

Type 3: Arrogant and flippant, hardened in their rejection of God's authority, which aligns with the fool described in Proverbs 1:7.

7. What are the two ways you can live according to Proverbs 1:7?

You can either humble themselves under God's authority, living with a fear of the Lord, or arrogantly resist Him, living without regard for His rule. There is no middle ground.

8. How does revival typically begin within a community or church?

Revival begins with personal revival, as individuals examine their lives humbly, seeking clean hands and a pure heart. As more people respond to God's call, the movement spreads, creating a ripple effect that impacts families and communities.

9. Why is personal revival essential before corporate revival can occur?

Revival starts with one person's transformation, becoming conscious of God's presence and aligning their life with His will. The larger church or community cannot experience a true spiritual awakening without personal revival.

10. What key takeaway about revival can we apply from historical examples of spiritual awakening?

Revival begins with prayer, humility, and a deep longing for God. As individuals seek God with clean hands and a pure heart, His presence begins to move in extraordinary ways, creating an undeniable awareness of His power and transforming entire communities.