



Homes of H.O.P.E. Prayer and Study Guide #10
Based on sermon: "The Risks of Revival"
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Introduction

1. Share a memorable spiritual high point—a "mountaintop" experience—with the group. What did you feel? How did that experience change or impact your life?
2. In what ways are we vulnerable after a spiritual "high"? Has this happened to you?
3. Read Mark 9:2-8. "A risk to revival is that we'll make an idol of the experience itself instead of allowing the experience to lead us to God." How is this seen in this story? What's the solution?
4. Discuss the role of prayer in revival. Is it primary or periphery? Defend your answer.
5. Read Luke 24:13-35. What risks to revival do you see in this story?
6. Discuss this statement: "A risk to revival is that we will be content with a visitation from Jesus and not ask Him to abide with us." What does this mean? Can you give an example from your own experience that matches this statement?
7. Explain what it means to "abide" in Jesus. (See John 15.)
8. The disciples said that their "hearts burned within" while Jesus talked with them on the road (Luke 24:32). But their eyes remained closed until he was "at the table with them" (Vs. 30, 31). What's the lesson here? Compare with Revelation 3:20.
9. "Revival must not be limited to the excitement of learning something new. It must be followed with an invitation for Jesus to stay and help us apply what we've learned to our lives." How does James 1:22-25 help us understand this key principle?
10. Read John 11:38-44. What can we learn about a risk to revival from verse 44? (Compare with Hebrews 12:1.)
11. Read Numbers 13:26-14:4. What makes us run to what's familiar even if it's bad? How is this a danger to revival? What's the solution? (Numbers 14:24)
12. Share Philippians 3:12-14 together. What is God saying to you through this passage?

Pray for God to keep adding seekers to your group. Include an empty chair in your circle and ask God each week to fill it with someone new.