

Revival

Life Group Leaders Guide

Objective

This guide contains the information and questions you will need to lead a life group study during our current sermon series. Our aim is to spark Spirit-led, Bible-centered conversations that anyone can participate in regardless of how biblically literate they may or may not be. **The win** that we want you to experience is when your group members **connect** more closely with each other and with God so that they are encouraged to move forward in living out their faith.

Directions

The *Purpose* and *Move* sections are for the leader to read to the group to provide clarity. **Do not feel pressured to cover all the questions.** Decide which ones may work best for your group. You will see brief notes interspersed between groups of questions to help give the group context for their answers. The *Notes and Commentary* section (when included) is optional reading for the leader to get background information and better understanding of the passages before leading the discussion.

Series Overview

In our Revival series we will study the principles of spiritual revival with the goal of rallying the people of our church to commit to seeking God first together! The sermons will be based on the revival we read about in 2 Chronicles 15 (Asa's Revival). Our Life Groups will simultaneously study a complementary book by Kyle Idleman called *Gods at War*, which exposes the idols in our lives that we must lay down to seek God first. Make sure that everyone has a book.

Revival Series Schedule

Week	Sermon Date	Topic of sermon	Topic of life group
1	Oct. 14	Vision Sunday	gods at War
2	Oct. 21	Idol Tear Down	gods of Pleasure
3	Oct. 28	First and Best	gods of Money
4	Nov. 4	Covenant People	god of Me
5	Nov. 11	Commitment Day	(no study - socials)

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The Big Idea

Revival comes when we commit to seek the Lord together!

Flow of Study

Icebreaker: What is the biggest commitment you have ever made? What gave you the confidence to make that commitment?

Watch *Gods at War* video - [Session 4: God of Me](#) (clickable link)

Move #1: Let's talk about the video, based on chapter 13 "the god of me" from the book *gods at War*.

1. Kyle said that all our false gods really represent one god: Self. How could this be true?
2. Does it surprise you to realize that you could be your own idol? Explain.
3. Kyle made a connection between being self-focused and unhappy. How have you found this to be true?

Move #2: Next let's dig into a couple of relevant passages of Scripture about this topic of idolizing self.

Read Matthew 16:25 NIV

"For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it."

4. Before we began our Revival series, were you more focused on serving yourself ("saving your life") or surrendering your life to Jesus ("losing your life")?
5. Can anyone share an example of a time you chose not to pursue something you desired because you felt it would lead you further away from God?
6. How has God been working in your life during this series to help you recognize areas of your life you put before him?
7. What is an action step God is calling you to take in order to tear down one or more of your idols?

Consider: The idol of Self not only rebels against putting God above our own interests, it also rebels against putting others above our own interest. This Sunday, we are going to take a next step TOGETHER to do something that many of you have probably have never done. We are going to enter into a covenant to seek the Lord together as one spiritual body!

Read 2 Chronicles 15:12-14 NIV

12 They entered into a covenant to seek the Lord, the God of their ancestors, with all their heart and soul. 13 All who would not seek the Lord, the God of Israel, were to be put to death, whether small or great, man or woman. 14 They took an oath to the Lord with loud acclamation....

Note: A covenant is "an agreement or mutual obligation, contracted deliberately and with solemnity" (*Schaff-Herzog Encyclopedia*, Vol. 1, p. 562).

8. What are some occasions on which you enter into a covenant with someone?
9. Have you ever thought about entering into a covenant with people in your local church?
10. Re-read verse 14. How does the idea of taking an oath together with others to seek the Lord make you feel?

Consider: Our relationship with God is always personal but never private. Revival never happens alone.

Read Joshua 24:14-15, 24-25 NIV

14 [Joshua said:] "Now fear the Lord and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. 15 But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."....

24 And the people said to Joshua, "We will serve the Lord our God and obey him." 25 On that day Joshua made a covenant for the people, and there at Shechem he reaffirmed for them decrees and laws."

Reflect: (*Note to leader: Ask your group to take a moment to reflect, to close their eyes and enter into a prayerful state of mind as you ask a few questions.*) Are you at a place where you are ready to stand with your church family and say, "As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord"?... What would stop you from declaring that statement?... Whatever it is, you can bet that thing is an idol in your life. How are you prepared to sacrifice the idols of pleasure, power and possessions to "seek first his kingdom and his righteousness" (Matthew 6:33)?

Next Steps:

- Set a time this week to pray as a family about your Revival commitment on November 11th.
 - (Leader, HAND OUT COMMITMENT CARDS to anyone who does not have one.)
- Make your Revival commitment this Sunday!

Focused Prayer: Take 15 minutes as a group to have a special time of prayer for families in your Life Group and across The Point Church for the following:

Prompt #1 - God to clearly reveal the Revival sacrifice he is calling each of us to make.

Prompt #2 - God to give each family in our church the strength to turn away from any idol that would prevent them from making that commitment.

Prompt #3 - God to give each of us the courage to make a commitment to seek him first and trust him for Revival!