

All About Jesus - Revival Seminars

In the health-care industry, specialists stem from the reality that no doctor has time or energy to delve deeply into every particular field. For this reason, Neurologists, Cardiologists, Gynecologists, Radiologists, Pediatricians, etc., work closely with General Practitioners to provide specialized assistance. In many ways, a revivalist can provide similar support to a local pastor.

In Luke 15, Jesus told three parables pertaining to the lost and recovered. He described a sheep, that knows its lost but doesn't know the way back; a prodigal who chose to be lost, then wondered if he could be re-accepted; and a coin that was lost in the house, and didn't even know it was lost. A revivalist specializes in helping find "lost coins".

Statements like the following one underscore our need to help more church members experience a meaningful relationship with Jesus:

"It is a solemn statement that I make to the church, that not one in twenty whose names are registered upon the church books are prepared to close their earthly history, and would be as verily without God and without hope in the world as the common sinner.

I lay down my pen and lift up my soul in prayer, that the Lord would breathe upon His backslidden people, that they may live. The end is near, stealing upon us so stealthily, so imperceptibly, so noiselessly, like the muffled tread of the thief in the night, to surprise the sleepers [who are] off guard and unready.

Christians should be preparing for what is soon to break upon the world as an overwhelming surprise. A revival of true godliness among us is the greatest and most urgent of all our needs. To seek this should be our first work." –Christian Service, p.41 (emphasis supplied)

E. Stanley Jones wrote that "the church has become a field for evangelism instead of a force for evangelism," and that perhaps "the greatest mission field is the church."

Procreation is one of the most natural activities on our planet, with healthy species reproducing almost spontaneously. Healthy sheep bear lambs. A revivalist assists local shepherds in growing healthier sheep —with the belief that healthy sheep will reproduce for the glory of God.

Revival Seminars, sponsored by Upper Columbia Conference, are offered as an aid to pastors and churches desiring to deepen a congregation's corporate spirituality by assisting individual members in their personal walk with Christ.

The seminars help people discover how a personal relationship with Jesus is the sum and substance of the Christian life. More than that, they offer tangible, practical, plain-English suggestions on how to develop or deepen a meaningful friendship with Jesus. Also included in the curriculum are presentations explaining how a personal relationship with Jesus affects or pertains to:

- victory and overcoming
- becoming contagious Christians
- service, outreach and witnessing
- experiencing the latter-rain power of the Holy Spirit

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