



CELL GUIDE

TOPIC Revival 1972

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THEME Experiencing Revival

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MESSAGE SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION

Revival is often spoken of in church, but always in the future tense.

The revival that happened 50 years ago in 1972 in the schools in Singapore shifted a needle in Singapore, where many, not just from the schools, but also from the marketplace as well as the churches, gave their lives to Jesus in Singapore. Many of these people are still serving faithfully. Churches were planted and missionaries were sent out to share the Good News.

The video 'Revival 1972' tracks the clocktower revival of 1972 and examines its impact on Singapore even until today.

REVIVAL 1972

In 1972, some students gathered to pray, worship, and read the Scripture in groups. Word of mouth led others to hear about these gatherings and many came to participate. These students shared the Gospel out of a strong hunger and thirst for God. Even though they were not formally trained in theology, the message of the movement of the Holy Spirit spread like wildfire in the schools. People were gathering in groups, praying and interceding, falling in love and developing a deep desire for God. Soon enough, the movement of the Holy Spirit spilled over from the schools, into the marketplace and churches.

More and more people were declaring their faith as Christians. As people prayed for their unbelieving friends and family, the Holy Spirit worked through their prayers and there were many who came to Christ. Many experienced the power of the Holy Spirit. There was an uptick in the numbers of people who wished to get baptised as a profession of their faith.

As a result, the landscape of the Singapore church is changed. This revival brought about growth and maturity in faith, an openness to change, structure and the way church was done. There was unprecedented growth in the Singapore church because of the revival.

This revival, otherwise known as the 'Charismatic Renewal' movement, touched the different denominations in Singapore, including the mainline traditional churches. Initial tensions between

the charismatic and the non-charismatic factions soon faded away as the church banded together as one body, met together faithfully, and prayed and interceded for the baptism of the Spirit.

Christian leaders from different denominations started the marketplace movement which included business leaders and insurance agents that spawned many Christian fellowship groups, which led to many non-believers in the industry coming to Christ.

What started as a gathering of students in the ACS clock tower in 1972 truly changed the landscape and set the foundation of the church in Singapore, as we know it today.

CONCLUSION

The God of 1972 is still the same God in 2022. The revival started with humbled hearts and consecrated minds that prayed earnestly for God to use His people. Let us do the same. Let us trust that the best days are ahead of us. The revival that started in 1972 – God longs to bring it to present day. It's time for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit in these troubled, unprecedented times for God to move amongst us.

Open your hearts, as Jesus is standing at the door waiting to be let in. Revival can be a big thing, but it is not the main thing – the main thing is the Giver of gifts. Revival is about chasing God, and God alone. It may have outward manifestations, but it first starts from deep within each individual – Christians choosing to live their life in surrender and repentance to God, desperate for more.

Revival can be here, and it can be now – are you ready to come to Him and be filled with the Holy Spirit?

QUESTIONS

1. What were your initial perceptions about revival or the “clock tower revival in 1972”? What have you learnt about revival through the documentary?

2. How has the Holy Spirit influenced and transformed your life? How is your relationship with the Holy Spirit today?

3. DSP Edric reminds us that “Revival is about individual decisions.” What is God prompting you to change or do today? How can the cell group pray for you?