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Poverty rates are climbing. Suicide rates are rising. Vital truths like morals and the difference between what's right and wrong seem to be non-existent. Of all these things, what may be worst of all is that many of our students simply do not seem to care.

Why is this? I know there are so many factors that could play into this, and I know many of those factors are unique to the community you live in. There is one factor, however, that is always existent; one that stands out to me every time I think of it: us.

What do I mean by that? Who is “us”?

When I talk about “us”, I’m talking about student pastors, parents, volunteers, teachers, or anyone who claims to work with students for the purpose of impacting their lives for Christ, and those of us who expect those students to turn around and do the same for others. In short, I’m talking about me... and you. You may be confused- This mission we have seems like good stuff, so how does that make us part of the problem? My answer is that what we are doing is often not enough. We are focused on teaching our students a faith that is just about staying out of trouble. Don’t get me wrong- keeping our kids out of trouble is definitely a good thing. I’m not saying we should want our students making bad decisions. However, it does bring about two major problems:

1. This kind of teaching is only half the solution. Pure and undefiled religion is about keeping oneself unstained by the world, but it is also about ministering to widows and orphans. We aren’t called to bunker down and hide. Instead, we are called to actively reach out to a world who is hurting and in need.
2. This type of teaching often comes from the attitude that the world has gotten so bad that it’s beyond hope. Which leaves us hopeless, thinking that the best thing we can do is just stay out of trouble and throw in the towel. This is flawed on so many levels. For one, this goes against the heart of the Gospel, which is that Christ died for us, and because of that, grace is available to us all, regardless of our past. Not to mention that it goes against major parts of scripture that refer to how Christ has overcome the world, that we

will do even greater things than He did, that He has a purpose and a plan for us, and that we have not been given a spirit of fear.

Unfortunately, far too often that isn't what our students hear. So what does this lead to? Our students end up just trying to survive the culture around them instead of trying to impact it. And after a while, all the hiding and just trying to stay out of trouble starts to get old. When that happens, they no longer see a purpose for their faith and they walk away from it.

This study is about fixing that problem. We want to change the conversation. We want students to live believing that not only can revival in our world be a reality, but it can be **their** reality. With each lesson, we hope that your students (as well as yourself) will be spurred on to bigger and greater things in the community around you, and that together we will see revival happen in this generation. I firmly believe not only that it can, but also that it will happen. So let's get to work!

Sincerely,
Buck Baskin

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LESSON 1 PURPOSE

Introduction:

- Why do you go to school every day?
- Why are you involved in the organizations that you are in?
- Why do you come to church?

SIMPLY PUT, YOUR LIFE NEEDS TO BE ABOUT REVIVAL, NOT SURVIVAL!

WHY ARE YOU INVOLVED IN THE ORGANIZATIONS THAT YOU ARE INVOLVED IN?

WHY DID GOD SEND JESUS TO DIE?

1. GOD SAVED YOU BECAUSE HE LOVES YOU.

Read John 3:16.

2. GOD SAVED YOU FOR A PURPOSE.

GOD HAS A PURPOSE FOR YOUR LIFE!

3. GOD SAVED YOU FOR REVIVAL, NOT SURVIVAL.

- A. WE ARE TO MAKE DISCIPLES OF THE WORLD.

Read Matthew 28:18-20

- B. WE HAVE THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Read Acts 2:3-4 NIV

C. GOD CAN DO BIG THINGS.

Read Acts 2:41-45

D. YOU DON'T NEED TO BE SPECIAL IN THE WORLD'S EYES.

Read Acts 4:13

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LESSON 1 SMALL GROUP

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

1. When “revival, not survival” comes to your mind, what do you think about?
2. When you look at the world around you, do you think we are in need of revival? Why or why not?
3. When you think about living for revival, what are some of your biggest fears?
4. Why do you think revival is not happening in the world around you?
5. What are some specific ways your small group could bring revival to your area?

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LESSON 2

BREAK THE
CHAINS OF SIN

Introduction:

- What is your dream job?
- What is the worst job you could possibly imagine?

Read John 8:31-36

1. IF YOU SIN, YOU ARE A SLAVE TO THAT SIN.

IN SHORT, SIN WILL NEVER MAKE THINGS BETTER.

2. SATAN WILL DO EVERYTHING IN HIS POWER TO ENSLAVE YOU.

Read John 10:10

3. YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A SLAVE.

A. SIN IS A BIG DEAL.

B. SALVATION IS AVAILABLE FOR ALL AND CHRIST IS THE ONLY WAY TO GET IT.

Read John 3:16

GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD. THAT MEANS EVERYBODY.

Read John 14:6

C. THERE IS ALWAYS A WAY OUT.

Read 1 Corinthians 10:13

4. YOU CAN'T DO THIS ALONE.

A. YOU NEED JESUS.

Read Romans 1:1

B. YOU NEED PEOPLE.

Read James 5:16

Read Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

5. YOU CAN FREE FUTURE GENERATIONS FROM SLAVERY.

Read Deuteronomy 5:8-10

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LESSON 2

SMALL GROUP

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

1. What are some sins that enslave those around you?
2. Why do you think people struggle with these sins?
3. Think about times you have fallen into temptation. Can you think of how there might have been a way of escape you missed in that moment?
4. What generational sins do you see in your family?
5. How can you be a part of breaking the cycle of sin?
6. What might you miss out on if you choose to be a slave to sin?
7. What might your friends miss out on?
8. What are some ways that you as a community can help each other be free from sin and slaves to Christ?
9. What are some ways that you can be part of transforming your school and your community, so that they can be slaves for Christ as well?

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LESSON 3 THE WORD

1. YOU NEED TO STUDY THE WORD.

A. YOU NEED TO READ THE BIBLE ON A DAILY BASIS.

- Read the book of John
- Read through Psalms or Proverbs
- Read the book of James
- Read Galatians-Colossians 1 chapter a day.

B. YOU NEED TO DO THIS FREE FROM DISTRACTIONS.

C. SET A CERTAIN TIME.

D. MEDITATE ON THE WORD.

2. MEMORIZE THE WORD.

Read Psalms 119:11

3. LIVE THE WORD.

Read James 1:22

4. KNOW THE TRUTH (OR AT LEAST WHAT ISN'T TRUTH).

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LESSON 3 SMALL GROUP

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

1. Has there been a time where knowing scripture helped you in life or helped you help someone else? How?
2. Has there been a time where it would have, if you had known scripture? How?
3. Describe your quiet time? When? Where? How often? What do you study?
4. What are the things that get in the way of you having a quiet time if you don't have one at all? If you just miss it from time to time, what are the distractions that cause this?

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LESSON 4

CHANGE YOUR MISSION
FIELD...DON'T JUST
SURVIVE IT

Introduction:

- How many of you have gone on a mission trip?
- Where did you go? What type of work did you do?
- How did God move? How did He change others lives? How did He change your life?
- Did you go back?

Read James 1:27

1. LOVE GOD AND LOVE PEOPLE.

Read Matthew 22:34-40(NIV)

A. LOVING GOD MEANS OBEYING HIS COMMANDMENTS.

B. LOVING PEOPLE MEANS MEETING NEEDS.

Read Matthew 25:31-46

2. BUILD DISCIPLES.

Read Matthew 28:16-20

A. SHARE THE GOSPEL

Read Romans 3:23

Read Romans 6:23

B. TRAIN UP YOUR HELP AND YOUR REPLACEMENT

3. NEVER QUIT.

Read 2 Timothy 4:7

4. MINISTER IN YOUR CONTEXT AND NO ONE ELSE'S.

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LESSON 4 SMALL GROUP

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

1. What is your next step?
2. What are some specific ways you are going to impact your community?
3. What are some fairly specific timelines for this work?