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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 _____, NOT _____!

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 _____ YOU.

Read John 3:16.

2. GOD SAVED YOU FOR A _____.

GOD HAS A _____ FOR YOUR LIFE!

3. GOD SAVED YOU FOR _____, NOT _____.

A. WE ARE TO MAKE _____ OF THE _____.

Read Matthew 28:18-20

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B. WE HAVE THE POWER OF THE _____.

Read Acts 2:3-4 NIV

C. GOD CAN DO _____.

Read Acts 2:41-45

D. YOU DON'T NEED TO BE SPECIAL IN THE _____ 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?