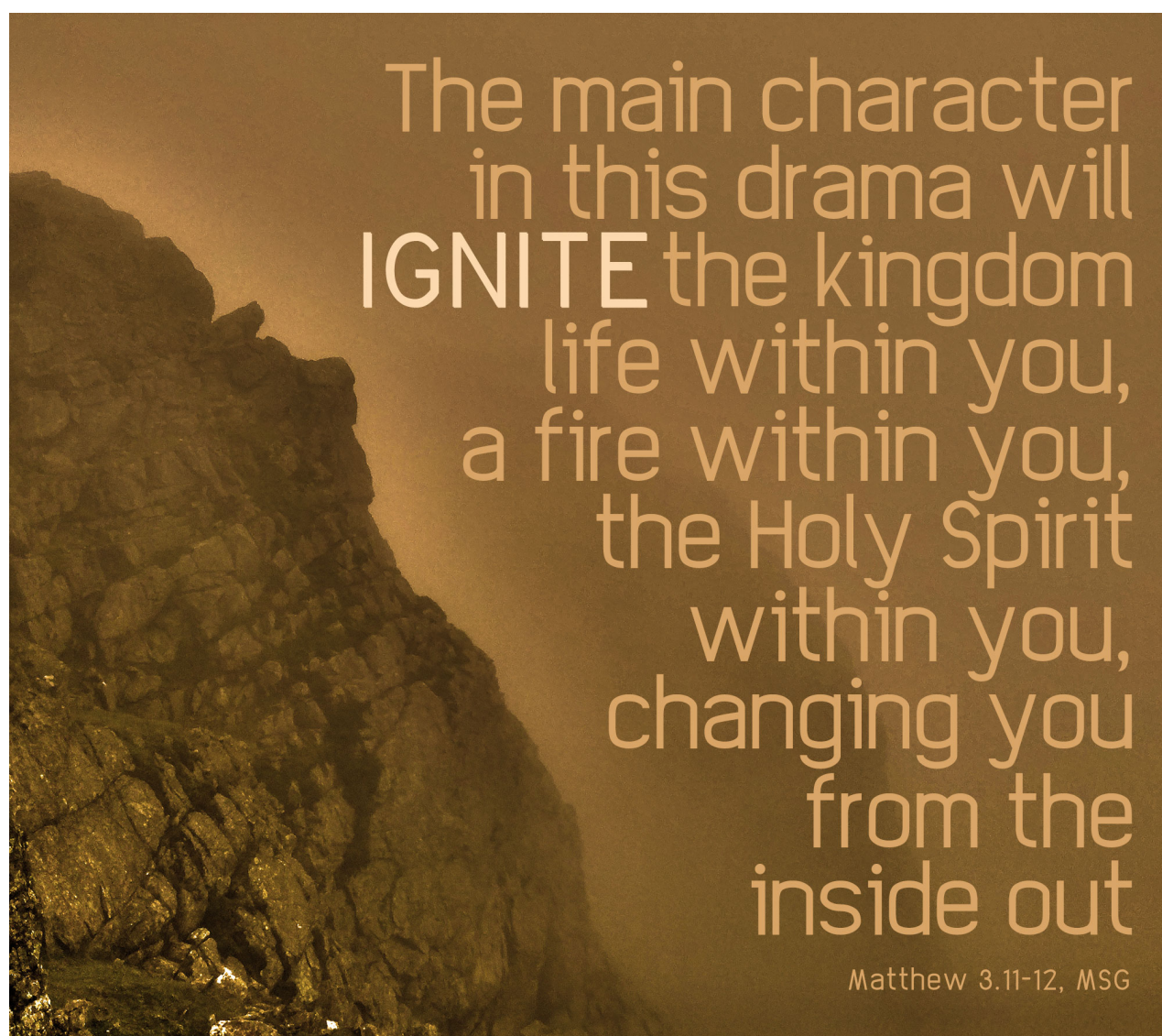


## **Alive**

This session is about coming alive – being ignited with God. Sometimes you'll hear people talk about 'revival'. This is when God's people come alive or when God moves in incredible ways in a city, place, or even a nation. This has happened thousands and thousands of times, starting mostly in the early 20th century. This session is about us coming alive – God reviving us – revival. This is also about us staying full of God – something we'll call "alival" – God's life staying in us and shining through.

The key to this session is – how can we help each other get the 'fire' started and keep it burning

### **The Alive Image**



## **Bible - Message**

*Matthew 3.11-12 - I'm baptizing you here in the river, turning your old life in for a kingdom life. The real action comes next: The main character in this drama—compared to him I'm a mere stagehand—will ignite the kingdom life within you, a fire within you, the Holy Spirit within you, changing you from the inside out. He's going to clean house—make a clean sweep of your lives. He'll place everything true in its proper place before God; everything false he'll put out with the trash to be burned."*

In Acts 2, the disciples had the breath of God breathed all over them and we know that it was like tongues of fire that seemed to rest on them. Fire has happened in other places in the world when God has really moved in power. Here are 3 true examples:

In India in 1905 there was a move of God where one girl seemed to be on fire and another went to throw a bucket of water over her before she explained it was God.

One UK pastor went out to Brazil and went with local Christians to pray in a forest. As they were praying, the trees and branches lit up with flames. They were able to pick up the branches while they were on fire and they were not burned.

In the Asuza Street Revival in LA in the early 1900s, William Seymour would encourage the people to sing in tongues and the fire of God would physically go up from out of the roof of the church. Many times the fire brigade were called by people outside the church as they saw flames from the roof of the church. But it was the glory of God, not a real fire. This was also the time when the most miracles would happen.

We don't seek after these experiences but it shows sometimes in the natural what is really happening in the real world – the world we cannot see – the spiritual world.

## **Being alive means seeing God's Kingdom come**

The kingdom of God is the life of God on the inside of you and through you. It's the place where we see God's will getting done. God changes us to be more like him and demonstrating through you to others that true life is found through God. If you're a believer in Jesus then God has designed you to be filled with him and to leak him out of you, on purpose and even by accident!

The kingdom of God is a place where God's truth, goodness and right ways show up in the physical world and make things better. If you want to know what the Kingdom of God looks like in physical form and in practice, look at Jesus. Don't believe anything people say to you about God that you don't see in Jesus.

## Write a song, poem, rap about being full of God

*When I became a Christian I started writing songs for God. Couldn't really help it! The first worship song said this, "Jesus, you are my fire. You are my inspiration. I want to burn for you. And let your light shine through me."*

Or the song by United Pursuit called "Set A Fire" could be played... *"Set a fire down in my soul, that I can't contain and I can't control. I want more of you God, I want more of you God."*

Original song link to 'Set A Fire' – [https://youtu.be/0A8almp\\_nCU](https://youtu.be/0A8almp_nCU)

Myfishbites remix to 'Set A Fire' – <https://youtu.be/yk74Zn8o1lw>

We've also worked a lot within hip-hop and one of the raps God gave said:

*It's time to make a change, to re-arrange and make the flame burn once again in God's house, make it like a lion, not like a mouse. Time to throw out empty lifestyles for what is worthwhile... Be amazed by the rays that will shine with God's light. Revealing the darkness and making it bright. Bright once again to revive God's church, bright once again to enlighten God's words...*

I'm sure you can come up with something just as good or much better !



[Click here to download some creative space to get writing or drawing](#) (two A5 sheets on an A4 page of the same questions – cut the A4 page in the middle)

## "Alival" !

Jesus told his disciples that when the Spirit of God came it would be like streams of living water coming from him (John 7.38 quoting Isaiah 44.3) The olde King James Version translates this as saying that living water will come from the belly. The word used for 'belly' is the same one used for Mary's womb in Luke 1.41. A womb is a place where a pregnancy takes place and God forms a human life out of a seed.

Joyce Meyer says that when we become a Christian and say yes to Jesus, the Holy Spirit 'gets us pregnant' with the seed of God. But like any seed, this needs nurturing, care, water, life in order to grow. That is what the Holy Spirit – the flame of God does in us. But we also need to fan the flame.

In Luke 24, two disciples were walking along a road to a place called Emmaus when they were joined by someone who turned out to be the risen Jesus. Their story was that when Jesus spoke their hearts burned within them like a fire. This is what happens when God is really alive in us and we get into his presence and Word.

When fire comes, you know it's there. You can see it, sense it, smell it, feel it. That's what it looks like when God is alive in us – it can be seen, felt and heard. And remember that the fire can't be worked up – it comes from God. But it needs something to fuel it. That fuel is us. But don't worry, we don't get destroyed unless you mean the selfish stuff in our life which God burns up. This is about just saying yes to God (who gives good gifts) and no to the selfish stuff in our lives (which only ever causes problems!)

How do we fan the flame? Jesus said to the church in Revelation – be hot or cold, just don't be lukewarm. He also said to grow in our gifting, to seek his kingdom first, to seek spiritual gifts, to return to our 'first love' (Jesus). Romans 13,14 tells us to 'put on Christ Jesus'... This shows that we have a part to play!

## **Video - "Come Alive" by Centric Worship ft. Laura Daigle**

Listen to this song and while it's playing, ask God to speak to you about how you can really be on fire for him and let his goodness shine through you.

Direct Link – <https://youtu.be/VuCLqoxigNA>

## **So what would it look like to really be full of God?**



[Click to download a worksheet with questions](#) (two A5 sheets as A4 page)

Get into groups and think about the questions on the sheet. 'Revival' means seeing God move in amazing ways to change places, cities or even nations. All of these things have happened through history across the world, even in some places today – so there's no reason we can't see God do this again where we are!

## **Pray - and Quiet-Time Notes**

Make sure that in groups, you pray for each other – for more of God or for the fullness of God inside of you to break out and stay out!

## **Quiet-Time Notes**

One way we can come alive in God is through getting his Word in us. When we get God's words inside us, we become more like God. You can download our free 21 daily notes journal... If you're in the UK contact us and we'll send you one!



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