



## A City for Revival

May 26 | Group Guide

**Begin by praying, catching up on your week, and reflecting together (10 minutes).**

First, like each week, begin your time together by having someone pray.

Then, spend a few moments sharing your highs and lows from the past week.

Finally, briefly discuss how you sensed the Holy Spirit working in and through you from this past week.

**Split up into smaller groups of three to read Acts 19:1-41, discuss the Scripture, and pray (25 minutes).**

Begin by having several people split up into smaller groups of three and take turns in those smaller groups reading **Acts 19:1-41** out loud for your group with everyone else following along in their Bibles. After a few moments of reflection, discuss some of the questions below.

- In your own words, describe how “revival” comes to the city of Ephesus. What happened?
- What was it about Paul that allowed this revival to happen (his story, his presence in Ephesus, his past missionary endeavors, etc)?
- What was the people’s response to Paul’s preaching?

Next, take a few moments to pray together for revival in our city. As individuals, look through the text of Acts 19. Look for any words or phrases that can be “jumping off” points as you pray for revival in our city. Once each person in your smaller group has had time to look, spend some time praying out loud together for revival in our city.

**Come back together as a large group and discuss the sermon and Scripture (20 minutes).**

- What did you pray about in your prayer time? How was that for you?
- In his sermon, Eric asked the question, “What do you believe?” Do you believe revival can come to our community, city, county, and state? In your mind, what would that look like?
- In Ephesus, Paul faced opposition as he tried to bring about revival to Ephesus. Have you ever faced opposition for sharing your faith? In what way? How might Acts 19 encourage you as you think about both past or future opposition?
- In his sermon, Eric also mentioned that “A city for revival starts with you.” Are there any phony or worldly beliefs that are preventing you from seeing revival in you so that it can break out in our city? What in your life needs thrown into a fire to be burned (see Acts 19:19) in order for revival to happen in you?

**Come back together as a large group to close with logistics and prayer requests (5 minutes).**

1. **Inform your group** about the extension of the Prayer Room! While the 24/7 prayer initiative is no more, we have extended the availability of the Prayer Room. You can find out more information about current hours at [thecreek.org/revival](http://thecreek.org/revival).
2. **Sponsor a child with MOHI!** This past month, we highlighted Missions of Hope International (MOHI), a non-profit organization in Kenya that “exists to bring life transformation to every man, woman, and child.” They do this through providing holistic, sustainable care for people in poor communities all across Kenya. As the May spotlight comes to a close, be sure to check out [missionofhope.com/about](http://missionofhope.com/about).

With that being said, one way you can support the work of MOHI is by sponsoring a child. If you’re interested in sponsoring a child, scan the QR code below and start the process!



3. **Finish your group** session by sharing prayer requests and closing in prayer for the things shared.