ONECRY THINKING IT THROUGH

PART ONE WHY ONECRY?

THINKING IT THROUGH

1. Can you recall one personal story of a time you found yourself crying out desperately for something? It can be an illustration from your personal life, your family, your business, a physical need, etc.

2. Many people, even unbelievers and atheists, tell stories of crying out to God in moments of great need. What is it that drives us to cry out to God in such times?

3. Does God really hear the urgent cries of people? Do you have an illustration of a time when God answered your desperate cry?

4. Do you agree that we are in a state of national spiritual emergency? Why or why not?

5. One of the goals of our study and prayer is to build our hope and faith that God can send nationwide revival. On a scale of 1-10 (10 being the most) how much faith do you have that what is happening in our nation—spiritually, morally, and culturally— can be changed? Mightily reversed? Is it even possible today?

6. What do you hope to gain out of this study?

PART TWO SIX REVIVAL REALITIES

REVIVAL REALITY 1

THINKING IT THROUGH

 Look again at the Cycle of Spiritual Awakening diagram on page 51. Where do you think the church in America is on this cycle? What evidences illustrate this?

2. How would you define real, authentic revival? (It's important to know what we should be praying for!)

3. What do you think it would look and feel like if God sent a citywide or nationwide revival and season of spiritual awakening? Be as specific as you can.

4. What might change in your city if 10 percent of the entire population came to authentic faith in Christ in the next twelve months?

5. Do think it's possible for God to send such an awakening to your city and to America? Why or why not?

6. What do you think God's main purpose is in revival? Why would He ever bless us with such a mighty outpouring of His Spirit?

REVIVAL REALITY 2

THINKING IT THROUGH

 Do you think your individual spiritual life affects whether or not we see God's presence and power in your church, city, and nation? Why or why not?

2. What are some of the gods or idols that most of us turn to other than Christ?

3. On a scale of 1 to 10 (10 being the most fervent love and surrender to Christ), where would you say your spiritual life is now and why?

4. What do you think must happen for a believer to return to his/her first love? To fall passionately in love with Christ all over again?

5. What would a believer who is living in fresh, personal revival look like? How would it affect his/her family? Church? Community?

6. What is the next step for you to experience personal revival?

7. What do you think will happen to your life and your church if you and others you know choose not to repent and return?

THE PAIN WE NEED

THINKING IT THROUGH

1. What have you seen in America in the last ten years that might be signs of God's judgment upon our nation?

2. The "remedial" judgment of God is that which is sent to correct us, and there is hope of change. The "final" judgment of God means that there is no possibility of escape. Do you see our nation under God's remedial judgment or final judgment? And why?

3. Take a moment and read 2 Chronicles 7:13–14. Read all of it carefully. What do you think this is saying to us right now as a nation?

4. If God sends judgment to our nation, who is responsible for that happening (according to the verses above)?

5. Read Habakkuk 3:2. What do you think this verse means, and what application does it have for us today?

REVIVAL REALITY 4

THINKING IT THROUGH

1. Do you believe God really will answer your prayer? Why or why not?

2. Share with others a recent answer to prayer you've experienced.

3. Are there any times or conditions when God will NOT answer our prayers?

4. As believers across the nation cry out for revival and awakening, do you think there is a "tipping point," when the last prayer has come, before God sends revival? If so, what does that mean to you about your daily intercession for revival?

5. What do you think you could do to increase your faith in prayer?

6. What do you think God means in 1 Thessalonians 5:17 to "pray without ceasing"? Is this possible? If so, how?

REVIVAL REALITY 5 WAITING FOR ONE CRY

THINKING IT THROUGH

1. Why do you think the church is in such disunity?

2. What would the people in your community who do not know God think if they heard that all the churches in your city were united in prayer?

3. God hears every single cry. Why would God respond more to a united cry?

4. What do you think could happen to move the believers in your city to unite in one cry?

5. God has used ordinary people to change nations. What could you do to help move the whole church in your city to a united cry for revival and spiritual awakening?

6. What do you think will happen if we do not unite in one, desperate cry?

BELIEVE

THINKING IT THROUGH

 Real revival is a sovereign work of God. He does what He desires, when He desires, but He also calls us to respond. In fact, in His sovereignty there are many, many things God says He WILL NOT DO, if we do not confess our sin and turn and pray! (See 2 Chronicles 7:14.) What do you think is our responsibility to help create a culture of revival in our lives, our churches, and our nation? Think about this deeply.

2. Do you believe God CAN save us? Be honest. If not, why not?

3. Think deeply and describe to others what you dream about in terms of national revival. What would it look like and feel like? How would God be glorified and His Son lifted up? What could be the results of another Great Awakening in America?

4. What do you think the effects of such an awakening might be around the world if God visited our land again?

5. As you have read through this book thus far, what are some of your next steps to cooperate with God toward revival and awakening?

PART THREE THE ONECRY HIGHWAY

THINKING IT THROUGH

 We hope that over the last eight weeks, your faith has grown in God's ability to send revival and awakening across our nation. On a scale of 1–10 (10 being the most) how much faith do you have that God can do this again? Explain.

2. Share your understanding of what revival really is and the difference between revival and spiritual awakening.

3. How important is your personal spiritual condition to a movement of nationwide revival?

4. What adjustments have you already started to make in your life to more fully cooperate with God in revival? How far in the circle of surrender are you?

5. What further adjustments do you need to make to have your feet (and heart) firmly planted in the center of the circle of surrender?

6. What can you, as well as your church, do to persevere in the cry for revival? What are practical steps that you can continue to take to fan a united cry for revival in your life? Your church? Your city? Our nation?

7. What is God saying to you right now about your ongoing pursuit of Him and His work of revival?