

THE  
CORE

THE VALUES OF REVIVE WESLEYAN



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In 2021, we changed our name to Revive Wesleyan. And that wasn't just about choosing something we thought sounded cool and modern. We chose a name that we thought embodied a new mission, a new vision, and a set of values.

Over the past two years, we have shared the mission & vision:



# MISSION

**Pursue the Father**

**Proclaim Jesus**

**Participate with the Holy Spirit**

# VISION



**WE DESIRE TO BE AN  
UNDENIABLE FORCE OF GOD'S  
HOPE, HEALING, & GRACE  
IMPACTING GENERATIONS TO COME.**

As we start our third ministry year as Revive Wesleyan, it's time to dive deeper into our **values**.







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# VALUES

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It's easy to talk a big game with values, when very few people or organizations actually live them out. We want to be different. In fact, our goal is

***transformation, not just information.***

## Values Defined

A value is a core principle. At Revive Wesleyan, we have identified seven essential values that define us as we Pursue the Father, Proclaim Jesus, and Participate with the Holy Spirit.

**1) Mission & vision** set our course. **Values** determine how we get there.

Living out our values requires integrity, which according to author Brené Brown means:

- choosing courage over comfort
  - choosing what's right over what's fun, fast or easy
  - practicing values, not just professing them.

**2) Values** are the guide by which we make difficult decisions.

It is by these values that we make decisions about ministry, finances, outreach, staffing, and how we treat others. As you participate in the life of our church, these values will be what steer us, and we invite you to embrace them in your own life.

**3) Values** hold us steadfast in an ever-changing world.

We receive so many competing messages telling us what to believe and how to behave. Cultural values change with time and context, so we've anchored our values in the steadfast truth of Scripture, which happens to be the first value on the list!



# VALUES

## REVIVE WESLEYAN CORE VALUES



**SCRIPTURE**



**PRAYER**



**WORSHIP**



**DISCIPLE-MAKING**



**GENEROSITY**



**HOSPITALITY**



**OUTREACH**



# HOW TO USE THIS BOOK

This book is your companion guide to our series, *The Core*. We will be studying one value per week for seven weeks. Bring the book with you to church each Sunday and to your community group so you can take notes. Then, Monday through Friday, set aside 15-20 minutes each day so you can follow the **SOAP** method to work through scripture related to that week's value. Our goal is to have you engage with scripture in our Sunday services, community groups, and individually to experience and live out these values in your daily lives.

The **SOAP** method is defined below:



## SCRIPTURE

Pick a verse or phrase that stood out to you, and write it down.



## OBSERVE

What do I notice?



## APPLY

What will I do?



## PRAY

How will I express it to God?



# SCRIPTURE

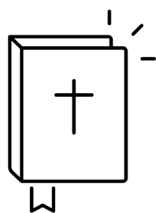




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# SCRIPTURE

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*We keep the eternal truth of Scripture central because it is God-inspired and authoritative for salvation and all matters of Christian living.*

- 2 Timothy 3:16-17
- Matthew 24:35
- Hebrews 4:12-14

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## BEFORE YOU READ

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1. Read the statement above about how Revive Wesleyan views Scripture.
2. Circle what you agree with.
3. Draw an X through anything you do not agree with.
4. Underline what you're not sure about



# DIFFERENT WAYS TO READ SCRIPTURE

## READ OUT LOUD

- Take turns with a family member or friend
- Read a children's Bible with a child

## LISTEN

- Use a free app such as **Streetlights** or **YouVersion**

## READ A DIFFERENT TRANSLATION

- Switch translations for free at **biblegateway.com** or in the YouVersion app

## USE THE *LECTIO DIVINA* METHOD

- **Read.** Slowly and thoughtfully, read the scripture passage the first time. What word or phrase captures your attention and grabs your heart?
- **Reflect.** Slowly and prayerfully, read the passage again. What is God saying to you in this passage? Offering you? Asking you? What feelings are arising within you?
- **Respond.** Slowly and prayerfully, read the passage again. Respond to God from your heart using the **SOAP** journal prompts.





# SERMON

# NOTES

Nehemiah 8



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What do I notice?



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What will I do?



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How will you express it to God?



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HEBREWS 4:1-13

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What do I notice?



What will I do?



How will you express it to God?



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2 TIMOTHY 3:10-4:8

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How will you express it to God?



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MATTHEW 7:24-27

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What will I do?

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How will you express it to God?



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What do I notice?



What will I do?



How will you express it to God?





# WRAP UP

WHAT DID I LEARN THIS WEEK?

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WHAT IS ONE ACTION STEP I WILL  
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WHO WILL I TELL?

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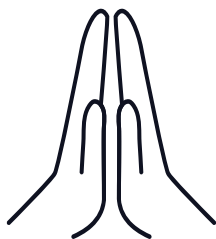




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# PRAYER

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*We connect directly with God individually and collectively. At all times we listen, repent, lament, give thanks and intercede for ourselves and others through the Holy Spirit.*

- Ephesians 6:18

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- Luke 18:1-8

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- Philippians 4:6

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## BEFORE YOU READ

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In the different ways to pray that are listed above, circle one that you do not do very often (or ever!). How might you incorporate that into your prayer life?



# DIFFERENT WAYS TO PRAY

## LISTEN: Stillness & Silence

- Be still & silent for two minutes
- When you get distracted, offer up a simple prayer, such as “I’m here, Lord.”
- Receive God’s love for you, and open yourself up to His will for the day.

## REPENT: Journal

- Identify ways in which you have sinned in the past day or so. Ask God to reveal unknown sins to you. Write them down in pencil.
- Tell God you want to turn away from these sins by crossing them out.
- Ask for forgiveness. Acknowledge you received it by erasing the sin you wrote down.

## LAMENT: Poem of Complaint

- Write a poem complaining to God. Use Psalm 12 or Psalm 86 as a model for collective & individual lament.

## GIVE THANKS: Prayer Walk

- Walk around your home, neighborhood, school, or workplace and thank God for specific things or people you observe.

## INTERCEDE: Photo Prayer

- Look through photobooks or scroll through photos on your phone and pray for 5-10 people that you see.



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Psalm 62





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# NOTES





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PSALM 62, 51

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EPHESIANS 6:10-20, PHILIPPIANS 4:6

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# WEDNESDAY

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LUKE 18:1-8

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# THURSDAY

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PSALM 25

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# FRIDAY

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PSALM 30, 31

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# WRAP UP

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# WORSHIP

week 3





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# WORSHIP

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*We worship God every day in awe and wonder with our thoughts, speech, and actions.*

- John 4:24

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- Romans 12:1

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- Psalm 95:1-7

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## BEFORE YOU READ

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What comes to mind when you hear the word *worship*?

What from the above statement and scriptures challenges your idea of worship?



# DIFFERENT WAYS TO WORSHIP

## Worship with your spirit

The word used for spirit can mean “breath.” Breathe in, thinking about something that is true of God (faithfulness, righteousness, goodness, creativity, etc.) Praise him! Breathe out, exhaling anything that is not true (about yourself, God, or the world.)

## Worship with your body

Raise your hands in praise, kneel in surrender, or bow to the floor in obedience.

## Worship with your voice

We know we can worship through singing, but don't save it just for Sunday mornings! Sing praises in the morning when you're getting ready, during your lunch break, and in the car heading home. Sing alone or get others to join you! Sing a song you know or make one up on the spot.

## Worship through everyday obedience

We let God know we love him when we do what He says. Your obedience in everyday life is worship! This is often a sacrifice, but it is one that pleases God greatly.



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Romans 12:1-2, Mark 12:28-34



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ROMANS 12:1, JOHN 4:24

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PSALM 95:1-7, PSALM 150

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MARK 12:28-34, AMOS 5:21-25

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# DISCIPLE

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# DISCIPLE- MAKING

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*We fulfill the Great Commission of making disciples in the spirit of the Great Commandment.*

- Matthew 28:19-20

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- Matthew 22:37-40

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- Ephesians 4:11-13



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## **SPIRITUALLY DEAD/LOST**

They have not yet accepted Christ. There is no evidence of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

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## **SPIRITUAL INFANT**

They have accepted Christ and are spiritually alive but haven't moved much past that point. This group can include new believers and stagnant, long-time Christians.

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## **SPIRITUAL CHILD**

They are growing in relationship with God and other Christians. They are applying God's Word in their lives. However, it's still mostly about themselves and their needs.

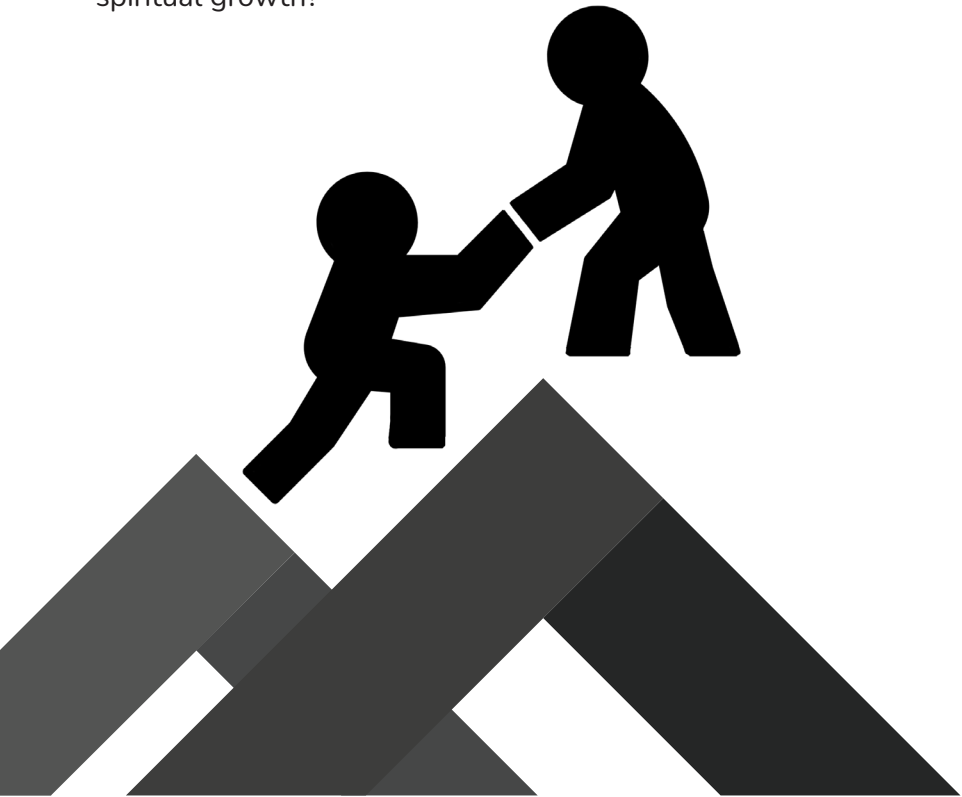


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# BEFORE YOU READ

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Look at the chart below, which outlines different stages of spiritual growth — in other words, becoming a disciple of Jesus. What stands out to you? Where might you be in your own spiritual growth?



## **SPIRITUAL YOUNG ADULT**

They are making a big shift from being self-centered to God- and others-centered. They are ministering to others and taking responsibility for their own relationship with Jesus.



## **SPIRITUAL PARENT**

They have a solid understanding of God's Word, a deep and abiding relationship with the Father, and a desire to disciple others. They are God-dependent and others-centered.



# SERMON

## NOTES

Luke 5:1-11, Matthew 28:16-20





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MATTHEW 28:19-20, MATTHEW 22:37-40

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EPHESIANS 4:1-16

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*We give our time, talents, and resources to others because of God's love for us.*

- Acts 20:35
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- 1 Timothy 6:18

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## BEFORE YOU READ

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What is the most generous thing someone has done for you?



# DIFFERENT WAYS TO BE GENEROUS

## Generous with our time

- Time is the one thing of which we all have the exact same amount. We all have 60 minutes in an hour, 24 hours in a day, seven days in a week. Did you know that God, in His generosity, has given us more than enough time to do His will? It is a simple a matter of prioritizing our time!
- To whom could you give an hour of your time this week? You could listen to them, work around the house for them, or play their favorite board game...anything that will express God's love to them.

## Generous with our talents

- We all have God-given strengths and talents that he wants us to share with others. Many of us make a living out of our talents. How might God want you to be generous with your talents to serve His Church?

## Generous with our resources

Step up to giving financially. Maybe that looks like:

- Step up to regular giving: Choose an amount and give it every pay period.
- Step up to percentage giving: Choose a percentage and give it every pay period.
- Step up to tithing: Give 10% every pay period.



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# HOSPITALITY

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*We welcome anyone into our church, homes, and hearts.*

- Matthew 25:35-36
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- Romans 12:13
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- Acts 15:19

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## BEFORE YOU READ

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When you enter a space of any sort, such as someone's home or a business, what are the top three things that make it feel hospitable?



# DIFFERENT WAYS TO BE HOSPITABLE

## Hospitality at church

- Take the farthest parking spot (even in bad weather!) so guests can get the best spots.
- Does someone look a bit lost or out of place? Smile and say hello. Ask if you can do anything to help them find their way.
- Scooch in so the aisle seats are open for others.
- Consider volunteering to be a greeter, usher, or Connection Center point person at your campus.

## Hospitality at home

- Wave, smile, and greet your neighbors (as opposed to always driving into your garage without acknowledging them). Maybe even start a conversation with them.
- Invite someone over for dinner, lunch, coffee, dessert, or a board game. No need to impress; just be yourself and offer your time and space.

## Hospitality at the heart

- Consider God's hospitality to you. He offers you a seat at His table and a place in His home and heart through his Son, Jesus. Wow! How might that encourage you to be a hospitable presence in this world?



# SERMON

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Acts 16:6-15





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HEBREWS 13:1-3, PSALM 23

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1 PETER 4:7-11

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week 7

# TEACH





# OUTREACH

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*We go to those outside of our inner circles and geographic locations to show the love of Jesus.*

- Acts 1:8

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- Matthew 28:19-20

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- Mark 16:15

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## BEFORE YOU READ

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Write the names of people you would consider to be in your “inner circle.” Prayerfully consider the ideas on the next page for ways in which you might reach outside of your inner circle.



# DIFFERENT WAYS TO DO OUTREACH

## Talk to someone new

- Show a sincere interest in someone outside of your usual friend circle. It only takes a few minutes but could build a meaningful connection with them.

## Connect with extended family

- At family gatherings, take some time to get to know a family member you may not normally visit with. Ask a couple of questions about his or her life. You will bless them by engaging with them and may even learn something new!

## Volunteer in a different part of town

- Volunteer somewhere outside of your geographical circle, such as Jericho Road or The Trading Post. While you are there, eat in a restaurant that serves food you aren't familiar with. You might find something you like!

## Serve on a mission trip

- Consider going on a mission trip. Visit [revivewesleyan.com/outreach](http://revivewesleyan.com/outreach) to find upcoming trips.



# SERMON

## NOTES

Acts 8:4-8, 26-40



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ACTS 1:1-11

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1 JOHN 3:16-18, 2 CORINTHIANS 5:11-21

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