

## Acts 2:22–41 — “The Comeback Kingdom”

### Opening Question:

- What’s your favorite comeback story? (Movie, sports, personal, etc.)
- What in your life feels like it needs a comeback right now?

Transition: We love comeback stories because they mirror something deep inside us — we were made for renewal. Acts 2 shows the ultimate comeback: dead hearts revived, fear turned into boldness, and a crucified Savior revealed as King.

### Brief recap of Acts 2:

- Pentecost
- The Holy Spirit poured out
- Peter, once afraid, now boldly preaches
- 3,000 saved in one day

**Key Theme:** Revival = coming back to LIFE. The word “revival” comes from *vivere* — to live.

Ask:

- Why do we need revival?
- What does real spiritual renewal actually look like?

### Read Together: Acts 2:22–41

#### Discussion: 10 Signs of Revival

##### **1** Prayer (Acts 2:1–4 context)

Revival is always preceded by prayer. Ask:

- What does your prayer life look like right now?
- Is seeking God a priority or an afterthought?
- What would it look like to posture yourself for revival through prayer?

##### **2** Boldness (Acts 2:14–21)

Peter went from denial to fearless preaching. Ask:

- Where have you been silent about your faith?
- What would boldness look like in your world (family, workplace, school)?

##### **3** Surprise Revival is often unexpected and disruptive. Ask:

- Are you open to God moving in ways you didn’t expect?
- What control might you need to relinquish?

##### **4** Joy of His Presence (Acts 2:26–28) “Gladness of heart.” Ask:

- When was the last time you felt deep joy in God’s presence?

- What tends to rob your joy?

**5 Manifest Presence of the Spirit (Acts 2:32–33)** There was visible evidence something happened. Ask:

- What evidence is there in your life that the Spirit is active?
- How do we focus on Jesus and not just experiences?

**6 Jesus Becomes the Ultimate Desire (Acts 2:36)** Not manifestations — JESUS Ask:

- What competes with Jesus for first place in your heart?
- What does “nothing else matters” really look like practically?

**7 Repentance (Acts 2:37–38)** “They were cut to the heart.” Ask:

- When was the last time you felt conviction from the Holy Spirit?
- What’s the difference between guilt and repentance?
- Is there something God is inviting you to turn from?

**8 Water Baptism (Acts 2:38)** Public, radical identification with Christ. Ask:

- Have you been water baptized?
- If so, what did it mean to you?
- If not, what holds you back?

**9 Pursuit of Holiness (Acts 2:40)** Saved from a “corrupt generation.” Ask:

- Where is culture shaping you more than Christ?
- What does pursuing holiness look like in daily habits?

**10 Increase in Salvations (Acts 2:41)** 3,000 saved. Ask:

- Do you feel burdened for people far from God?
- Who in your life needs a “comeback” to Jesus?

**Reflection & Prayer:**

- What in you needs a comeback?
- What has gone dormant spiritually?
- Which “sign of revival” is God highlighting in your life tonight?