



Rifle, CO Revival

Trinity Revival

Creatively scheduled to involve as many people as possible, Trinity Baptist (Vancouver, WA) revival services were held over the course of two weekends in September. I was asked to preach both Sunday morning services. Sept. 15th, I preached from Psalm 78, challenging the church to listen and know the Lord, and to make Him known so the next generation may put their trust and confidence in God. The following Sunday, I preached from Matthew 9 that followers of Jesus must be going and telling, seeing and caring, and rejoicing and praying for God to send out laborers into His harvest. Several members shared with me that this revival provided what their church needed: recapturing, restoring, rejuvenating, and reconnecting.



Upcoming Ministry | Our Prayer List

- Sundays (PM) MOS Open Door Baptist Church Troutdale, OR (19 Men Participating)
- Mondays (PM) MOS & MOS Connect - Gresham (64 Men Participating)
- Nov 12-13 Northwest Baptist Convention (Booth & Ministry Networking)
- Jan 18 MOS Race Day
- Jan 24-26 Inland Empire Baptist Association - Youth Winter Camp

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Follow the Evidence

was the theme of the revival at New Life Fellowship in Rifle, CO, Sept. 29 - Oct. 5th. God stirred up this apologetics theme in my heart from a time of prayer and meditation upon 1 Peter 3:15, *"but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense [give a logical argument or explanation] to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence...."* How many followers of Jesus can explain logically and rationally the evidence for their faith, God's existence, and the claims Jesus made to be Messiah, Divine, and the only way of salvation? To that end, we followed the evidence from both biblical and non-Christian sources throughout the revival. Regarding the evidence presented, one man noted, "It was a blessing to witness the Holy Spirit fill New Life Fellowship. The message stimulated the souls of the congregation. . . . The revival was galvanizing."

A mother shared with me that after the first service of the revival her teenage son wanted to come back to every service to hear the evidence. God worked among us! That young man recommitted his life to Christ, and his mother shared that she is continuing to see the difference in her son.

A high school girl who professed to be an atheist attended the revival services. About midway through the week, she sat down to talk with New Life's pastor and humbly professed her faith in Jesus Christ! In addition, two adults and another teen boy indicated a desire to trust in Jesus but did not make their decisions public as of yet. Please pray for the follow-up with these.

A man shared with me that he has struggled to share his faith, but during the week his faith had been strengthened by what he heard, giving him courage to tell others. Another church member commented, "[the] fear we face in showing others we are Christians is knowing that non-believers are going to ask really hard questions we might not have the most accurate answers to. This theme of the revival was a huge wake up call and a huge relief, knowing facts to back up our faith." An additional member noted, "the revival reminded us that the secular world needs to hear facts, because they can experience their own kind of spiritual moments through worldly things. Our testimony isn't always ... enough to share about God's love for us all."

MOS - Men of Simplicity



Multiple Churches Connect for MOS

We have had an incredible start to this year's eight-and-a-half month journey of Men of Simplicity. This is our 10th year of equipping and discipling men to live simply and purely devoted to Christ! We have 83 men involved weekly: 23 of those are new to the group this year. There are five churches represented in our main Gresham group and three connecting live via Zoom. At our newest satellite group, there was a man saved last week. Praise God!

Robert Sherwood, Simplicity Ministries® Board Chairman and a leader at the North Addison MOS stated, "MOS is a weekly highlight for about a dozen men in our church! We have had men, new believers as well as the more spiritually tested, from ages 17-75 gather together for discipleship, prayer, and encouragement. One of our newer believers who came from a tragic and addictive background hasn't missed a MOS meeting for over a year! In fact, he has asked for additional meeting times so he could review and discuss the MOS lessons. This young man has even started to work in our VBS and AWANA program! Lives have truly been transformed! MOS has truly been a treasured blessing to us all!"

Simplicity Ministries® intern, Jonathan, noted, "MOS [is] a time where men gather to be real with each other and to pursue Christ in a way unlike I've seen before, through quality teaching, discussion, accountability, and intentional time in prayer for one another, their families, and the lost in their lives."

Athol Baptist Men's Training Day (pic right)

This day of training focused on a vision for biblical manhood. I preached three sessions followed by small group discussion. Roger Friesen, the men's ministry leader, stated "the thing that impressed me most was the openness of the guys at my table during our discussion time. Several of them are usually very quiet. The fact that they were together and someone had to share, prompted them to participate. Only God could orchestrate that. What they shared was very insightful, too."

Through a study of Psalm 78, the men were challenged to see the impact of their lives to a generation that is not yet born; to listen and learn from the Lord and to teach and make known to the next generation the praises of the Lord, His strength and His wondrous works. Through a study of 2 Corinthians 5, the men learned that a godly man has an ambition to be pleasing to the Lord, is motivated by the love of Christ, has a purpose to no longer live for himself but Christ, and has been given the ministry of reconciliation of the lost to God in Christ. It was a great day of equipping men!

Intern Perspective

Three takeaways from my last four months: Prayer, Purpose and Relationships.

Prayer: Mike and I start the work day in prayer together regardless of how much we have to do. It is how we begin the drive to ministry events. It is how we spend our time on the road every night. My prayer time has

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become the single most important and transformational time of every day.

Purpose: There are no shortcuts. There is a purpose behind everything we do. I have learned how important it is to steward what has been entrusted to me. Having integrity in finances, discipleship of men, and everyday business decisions spreads to all areas of my life.

Relationships: Mike doesn't show up, speak, and leave. He shows up and invests his heart and soul into people in more ways than simply speaking to an audience. He prays with worship leaders; he pours into pastors; he listens and counsels. It's more than speaking. Simply from observing, I know I will be a better minister of the gospel some day because of the example set before me.

