

**Kenmore Baptist Church Message Outline – November 15, 2015 (Jo Leutton)**

**Revival Foundations 9 - Inheritance**

God is stirring something in our midst.

He is looking to establish a “new normal” for each of us.

**Psalms 16 (ESV)**

*Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge. I say to the LORD, “You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you.”*

*As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.*

*The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips.*

*The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot. The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.*

*I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.*

*Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure. For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.*

*You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.”*

What is our inheritance?

A Brief Look at 2,000 years of Revival History (just one stream!).

- 1990-now – North America
- 1980s – The Vineyard Movement
- 1960s – Billy Graham; Jesus People Movement
- 1930-50s – Tent Meeting Revivals
- 1900s – Azusa St; Welsh Revival; Topeka, Kansas
- The Salvation Army
- The Second Great Awakening; Cane Ridge
- The Wesleys
- 1700s – The Moravians and Count Zinzendorf
- 1500s – The Reformation
- The Middle Ages
- St Augustine
- The Early Church
- Pentecost

A reminder about Revival:

“Where there are no oxen, the manger is clean, but abundant crops come by the strength of the ox.” Proverbs 14:4 (ESV)

God's presence and purpose has always been our inheritance.

His presence falls on sacrifice.

2 Chronicles 7:1–2 (ESV)

*“As soon as Solomon finished his prayer, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices, and the glory of the LORD filled the temple. And the priests could not enter the house of the LORD, because the glory of the LORD filled the LORD’s house.”*

It is now our chance to take our inheritance and run with it.

Luke 9:23–24 (ESV)

*“And he said to all, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it.”*

Hebrews 11:39–12:2 (ESV)

*And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.*

*Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith...”*

Let us lay hold of what we have been given

Let us run this race

Let us live worthy of this calling

Let us invest this inheritance into the generations that are to come

Let us surrender to the author and perfecter of our faith!

Let Jesus have it all!

### **Questions for Discussion:**

1. What is your personal history with God? What part of that do you count as your inheritance?
2. What aspect of the brief Revival history resonated with you? Why?
3. Considering the idea that God's presence is the ultimate expression of our inheritance, how do you engage with His presence?
4. What has been your experience of that in the past? Is that your current 'normal'?
5. If not, what could you do to allow God to make it your new 'normal'?
6. What do you have, as part of your inheritance, that you could invest into the next generation of believers (both in physical and spiritual age)?
7. If you are in a group, spend some time praying for one another, that God would stir up passion for His presence. If you are alone, spend time waiting on God, asking Him to pour His presence out into your life afresh.