



Rowdy Church: Week Two | Shawn Johnson | 09.13.2025

Weekly Study

SHARE

As group members settle in, take a few minutes to check in with everyone and see how their lives are going. Share an exciting story from this week, your highs and lows, an answered prayer, or something you're struggling with. If someone is really struggling, rally the group around them and take a few moments to pray over them.

- **Share a high, a low, and something interesting from this week.**

Dear Red Rocks Groups,

Of the many roles that I have here at RRC, writing the weekly study for the hundreds of groups across our communities is my greatest joy. It is an honor to wrestle with God's Word through prayer, study, and creative reflection, to provide you with studies that don't just spark fruitful conversation about Jesus—but create sacred spaces where each person can have a holy encounter with The Living God who loves us more than we could possibly understand on this side of eternity.

Some weeks, writing the study flows easily. Other weeks require hours of prayer, wrestling with Scripture, and waiting on the Spirit until that “aha!” moment comes. But this week is different. My soul feels heavy, and my heart is broken over the events that have taken place. Like many of you, I find myself at a loss for words.

I'm sad, I'm angry. I'm confused. But I'm also filled with an overwhelming sense of hope. The enemy has come with a spirit of division, manipulation, and violence in an attempt to strip us of our hope, but the Prince of Peace is here among us, and He is closer than ever.

Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.

- Hebrews 2:14-15 CSB

Do not lose hope. Do not give in to hate. Do not, for a moment, believe that darkness is winning.

Yes, this week has been heavy. We've witnessed heartbreak and tragedy—a school shooting, a public assassination of a Christian, and the anniversary of 9/11. And yet, in the shadow of these events, God's power and presence is unmistakable.

Across the nation, His people are rising. Our children are flooding back into the church. Young adults are boldly and authentically proclaiming the name of Jesus in their schools, workplaces, and communities. Christian artists are taking over the Billboard Hot 100 list. And hundreds of thousands of believers gathered this week to pray, worship, and simply be the Church—letting their prayer and worship rise up to Heaven.

Something is stirring among His people. For years now, there has been a quiet whisper in our hearts: *revival is coming*. But here's the thing: revival is just a word until a generation consciously chooses to become the very thing we've been waiting for. Revival doesn't happen to us—it comes to life within us. History shows us this again and again, from King Josiah to the day of Pentecost, through the Great Awakenings, and as recently as the Asbury Revival. Every time revival takes off, four things are always present:

1. Conviction of sin and repentance.
2. A renewed reliance on the Holy Spirit
3. Transformation of personal lives and communities.
4. Multiplication of church growth and mission activity.

Revival isn't *on the way*—it's knocking on our door waiting to see who will answer.

The question is no longer, “When is revival coming?” The question is, “Am I going to take part in it?” Will you choose the good portion and sit at the feet of Jesus? Are you going to pick up your cross? Is your family going to choose faith, hope, and love? And are we going to be the salt and light of the world to every watching eye in desperate need of a savior?

I don’t know exactly what you need to hear this week, but I do know this: this could be a turning point not just in our lives, but in the world around us—if we let it.

You know your group, you know your members, and you know what each person is carrying. This week, pay attention to one another. Check in. Slow down. Measure where hearts are at. Be the Church to each other in small, intentional ways that make a difference, and then go be the Church to someone who might not know Jesus. Share His love, His hope, and his grace.

If you’d like a little guidance, I’ve included a short activity below that I hope you find helpful.

Let us become the light that shines in the darkness.

- Ryan Paull (Red Rocks Groups)

ACTIVITY

This study is going to be different than usual. I want to invite you into a time of intentional listening and reflection. Here’s how:

1. Put on some worship music that draws your heart to Jesus.
2. Grab your Bible and a journal.
3. Spend the next 20 minutes reading the verses, slowly and intentionally, on your own until one grabs your attention. Let that one verse have your attention for the next few minutes. Read it several times.
4. Pray for the Holy Spirit to speak to you. Pray for an open mind, a softened heart, and a surrendered will. Let His grace, mercy, conviction, and love wash over you. Write down what you hear.

5. With your verse in mind, take some time to meditate on the question below. Be honest, be vulnerable, and let God do the work only He can do. Let the Holy Spirit speak as you write down what comes to you.

- Wake Up [Romans 13:11-14]
- Stand Up [1 Corinthians 15:58]
- Suit Up [Ephesians 6:10-20]
- Rise Up [Isaiah 60:1-5]
- Show up [1 Corinthians 10:31]
- Remember His glory in the midst of suffering [Romans 8:18-38]

Question:

If someone followed you around all day, would they find Jesus?

If someone didn't know Jesus and they observed every part of your life for 24 hours—how you talk to people, how you treat others, what you post online—would your life point them to Christ? Not to a church. Not to a list of rules and standards, or your favorite preacher.

But would your life lead them to Jesus?

If someone followed you from your kitchen to your job, from your phone screen to your prayer life (if you even have one), what would they see?

Someone just surviving? Or someone living on mission?

Would they say, *"Wow, they've got peace I don't have. They've got joy I don't understand. They've got grace that's not normal."*?

Or would they just say, *"Man, they're living just like everybody else"*?

Because here's the truth: you might be the only Bible anyone ever gets to read.

So what story are they reading through your life?

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