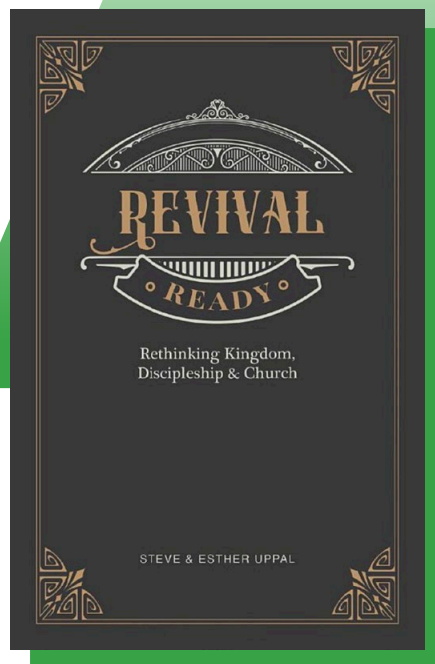


RESOURCE REVIEW



REVIVAL READY: RETHINKING KINGDOM, DISCIPLESHIP AND CHURCH *Steve and Esther Uppal*

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Are we Revival Ready? Rooted in Scripture and the prophetic, this is the most helpful book that I have read in years.

It brings an urgent message to a docile church, challenging it to awake once more.

Much has been said of late about the need for change and new wineskins being required for new wine. This easily read book begins there and then considers the practical implications as to how we can set about being revival ready by rethinking Kingdom, Discipleship and Church.

The book calls us to consider afresh our approach to church growth methodology, looking to move away from secular business models and to deepen our relationship with God, relying on him, rather than ourselves, in order to revolutionise the way we operate in discipleship and mission. Success is then measured as to our obedience to the Almighty rather than any other criteria. This contemporary challenge, written for these post-pandemic days in which we live, calls for the people of God to seek a future that is God-dependent.

The book is split into 6 parts reflecting prophetic themes. It combines Scripture with testimony as the authors share their personal journey of entering into a new way of living life as Christian disciples. At times the challenge presented in this book provides much food for thought as the reader is encouraged to go deeper in their relationship with God, setting aside the things of this world to grow more like Jesus.

At the end of each section there are helpful questions to consider for reflection and points for prayer.

I heartily recommend 'Revival Ready' for reading and reflection and am delighted that one of the authors will be speaking at our MET November Conference, 'REVIVE'. Having read this book, I am eager to hear more in person from Steve Uppal as we prepare for the way ahead in seeking God, that he may revive his Church in these lands.

Reviewed by John Hogarth, a Local Preacher with a keen interest in Discipleship and Evangelism. He has recently assisted MET with some projects as Interim Development Worker.

'Steve Uppal will be joining us as one of our speakers at the Revive National Gathering from 17-19 November 2023 at the Kings Park Conference Centre. Book online at methodistevangelicals.org.uk/revive