Spiritual Awakenings in the Bible and Church History

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm, Building D

Class 3, January 17

God shaped the world using Spiritual Awakenings. A study of awakenings (1) restores our faith, (2) gives us hope in the future, and (3) teaches us to seek God. We are desperately in need of a spiritual awakening today!

Our Biblical Example: The Revival Under Elijah

"Few revivals are ignited with a miracle of the magnitude of God's invasion at Carmel." Malcom McDow in Firefall, page 30

After Solomon died, Israel divided into Israel (ten northern tribes) and

Judah. Israel was ultimately destroyed after they abandoned God. But for a few years, the nation experienced revival under a prophet named Elijah.
 A______: The first king abandoned God to build two golden calves. 8 incompetent kings followed in the 58 years before Elijah appeared. Samaria was established as a capital; wickedness prevailed.
 P______: King Ahab was able politically and economically. He led Israel to be powerful and prosperous, but he cared little for God.

3.	consumed with pass	•	hab's wife Jezebel was were built and 450 prophets hale God) led pagan rituals.
4.	M and w Most true prophets were killed. Any reference to Jehovah was now blasphemy. His commands were completely ignored.		
5.	ΔΒ	P E	Emerges: (See 1 Kings 17-18)
	Elijah challenged the		ght) and the true God (via a

	Те	ntative	Revival Lessons from the Revival at Carmel	
1.	A r	nation ca	n f	
2.	Pro	 osnerity	·	
3.				
			ne First Great Awakening, 1726-1770 Marks of a Revival – Jonathan Edwards	
live we	es. (ere b	Churches irthed. T	plonies like a tidal wave. Multitudes professed to changed were established and strengthened. Mission enterprises Theological convictions were renewed and given fresh vigor. The founded ranging from orphanages to colleges." Malcolm McDow in Firefall, page 203	
	1.	A true r	revival r	
	2.	A true r	revival o	
	3.	A true r	revival c	
	4.	A true r	revival I	
	5.	A true r	revival I	
		Cont	tributions of the First Great Awakening	
	1.	H	religion moves both the emotions and intellect.	
	2.	A renewed focus on p All of the leaders were strong men of p		
	3.	A renewed focus on e and m Traveling evangelists/pastors) became an accepted tool. Mission work—especially among Native Americans—increased greatly.		
	4.		Renewal. There was a renewed emphasis upon ation by faith.	
	5.	a. b. c.	Contributions C were established. O and other ministries flourished. M improved.	
		d.	U among the colonies improved.	

Historians believe this set the stage for national unity.