

# TAKEAWAY

## The Quiet Revival

*In line with our goal to be a church of disciples who make disciples, this session is focussed on action, so that we are 'doers of the word' and not just hearers/people who enjoy a good discussion! It encourages focussed practical outcomes in the lives of the individuals in the group so that our discipleship as followers of Jesus is deliberately pursued.*

### DESIRED OUTCOMES

*You don't necessarily need to discuss these, but be aware as a leader.*

- To be encouraged at what God is doing in our world right now
- To think practically about how we can take part on His growing kingdom

### SHARE

How do the following stats from the Bible Society's *Quiet Revival* report encourage you? How do they challenge you?

- *In 2018, just 4% of 18–24-year-olds said they attended church at least monthly. Today this has risen to 16%, with young men increasing from 4% to 21%, and young women from 3% to 12%. This is now the second most likely age group to attend church regularly.*
- *Churchgoing Christians now make up 12% of the population, up from 8% in 2018. In numerical terms, that's growth from 3.7m in 2018 to 5.8m in 2024 – an increase of 56%.*
- *18–24-year-olds are the most likely to pray regularly, with 40% saying they pray at least monthly. More than half of them (51%) have engaged with a spiritual practice over the past six months, compared to 42% of those older than them. They are also the group most interested in learning more about the Bible, with 37% of 18–24s saying they are curious to discover more about it.*
- *31% of non-churchgoers say they would attend if invited by a friend or family member – including 34% of 18–24 year olds.*
- *45% adults in the UK believe that the resurrection happened. (This is not the same as the number who identify as Christians).*
- *75% of churchgoers agree their life feels meaningful compared to 49% of non- churchgoers.*
- *69% of churchgoers agree they feel hopeful about their future compared to 46% of non- churchgoers.*
- *55% of churchgoers agree they feel close to the people in their local area compared to 28% of non- churchgoers.*

Have you had any positive conversations about Jesus with people who don't yet know Him in recent months? What happened?

### READ

**Acts 17:16-23**

### DISCUSS

What happened to Paul *before* he started sharing His faith? Why does this matter?

How does this passage inform ways in which we can respond to spiritually interested people?

What is our part and what is God's part in helping people meet Jesus?

What are some helpful questions we can ask people in order to better understand their spiritual perspective, hopes and dreams?

### PRAY

Pray for our nation – that many more would meet Jesus for themselves!

## TRY OUT

- This week, try to learn more about what a few friends really believe about life's big questions. Just ask them!
- Get hold of the full Quiet Revival report (It's a free pdf), read it and pray over it:  
***[www.biblesociety.org.uk/research/quiet-revival](http://www.biblesociety.org.uk/research/quiet-revival)***