RENEWAL

Program Target: To encourage youth to keep the fire of renewal alive in their lives after a revival experience has ended. This program is best used after a Week of Prayer, youth retreat, crusade, or other experience where many of our youth have made commitments or re-commitments to Jesus.

What to do: Show the video *After the Fire*, by Steve Case. (See *Resources*). After the video, move into some discussion time, exploring with your group their own feelings about "revival" experiences, the ideas presented in the video, and ideas for how to turn a one-time revival into an ongoing renewal of your relationship with Jesus. When discussion ends, hand out the "My Commitment" sheet to each person in the group. Allow 5-10 minutes for people to quietly fill it out, then encourage them to take it home, place it in their Bibles or another meaningful place to continue referring to in the weeks and months ahead.

Preparation Time: Obtain a copy of the video and preview it. Copy the "My Commitment" handout for everyone in your group.

Bible Text: 1 Kings 19:1-12

Song Service: "Change my Heart, O God"

Vesper or Closing Thought: Revivals, crusades, youth rallies, Weeks of Prayer–they can all be "mountain-top" experiences. Or, maybe your own mountain-top was a quiet, private encounter between you and God. Whatever kind of experience it was, every mountaintop has something in common–it's followed by a valley. As Christians we have to learn to move from the emotional "high" of an experience with God, through the "lows" of everyday life–and keep our faith strong. God promises to be there in the still, small voice that speaks to us even in the valleys.

Resources: *After the Fire* is available from Piece of the Pie ministries (www.pieceofthepie.org) for $9.99 US.

My Commitment

Right now, when I think about my relationship with God, I feel _____

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What's good about that is _____

What I'd like to change is _____

One thing I want to do in the next few days to keep that relationship growing is

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