

Becoming Thermostats and Fire Starters

Moving from Reflecting the Atmosphere to Shaping It
The world doesn't need more thermometers.

It needs believers who carry the presence, wisdom, and love of God wherever they go.

Creative Ways to Be Thermostats

1. Become a "Faith First" Person

When everyone is talking about problems, be the first to speak God's promises.

Instead of saying:

- "Things are terrible."
- "I don't know what we're going to do."

Say:

- "God has brought us through difficult seasons before."
- "Let's pray and ask the Lord for wisdom."
- "What opportunity might God be creating in this situation?"

Challenge: Be the first voice of faith in every difficult conversation.

2. Start a "Temperature Check" Ministry

Train Connect Group members to ask:

"What is the atmosphere in this room, and what does God want it to become?"

If a room is:

- Fearful → Release faith.
- Critical → Release encouragement.
- Discouraged → Release hope.
- Divided → Release unity.
- Confused → Release clarity.

A thermostat doesn't react to the environment—it changes it.

3. Create a "Three Encouragement Rule"

- Every day:
- Encourage three people.
- Send three texts.
- Speak three life-giving words.

Encouragement changes spiritual climates.

4. Be a Carrier of Solutions

Thermometers identify problems.

Thermostats help solve them.

When people complain:

- Ask, "How can I help?"
- Ask, "What can we do?"
- Ask, "What is the next step?"

Kingdom people bring solutions, not just observations.

5. Establish Prayer Huddles

When tension rises: Stop.

- Gather two or three people.

- Pray for five minutes.

Prayer changes atmospheres faster than discussion.

Creative Ways to Be Fire Starters

1. Create "Holy Spirit Hotspots"

Identify places where people regularly gather:

- Church lobby
- Coffee shop
- Workplace break room
- Connect Group homes

Intentionally bring prayer, encouragement, and spiritual conversation into those spaces.

People should leave feeling stronger than when they arrived.

2. Become a Testimony Collector

Nothing ignites faith like hearing what God is doing.

Encourage everyone to share:

- One answered prayer.
- One breakthrough.
- One God encounter.
- A testimony is spiritual fuel.

Ask: "Where have you seen God move this week?"

3. Start a "One Minute Revival"

Before every meeting:

- One minute of thanksgiving.
- One minute of worship.
- One minute of prayer.

Three minutes can completely change the atmosphere.

4. Practice "Contagious Faith"

Fire starters carry expectation.

Instead of asking:

- "What if it doesn't work?"

Ask:

- "What if God does something extraordinary?"

Expectation attracts attention to God.

5. Be a Spark Plug

A spark plug is small but starts something much larger.

Look for:

- The lonely person.
- The discouraged person.
- The overlooked person.

One conversation can ignite a life.

6. Launch Prayer Trios

Form groups of three people who:

- Pray together weekly.
- Encourage one another.
- Share testimonies.
- Intercede for revival.

Small fires eventually become large fires.

7. Create a "Revival Wall"

In the church or Connect Group:

- Post answered prayers.
- Record testimonies.
- Celebrate victories.

People are inspired when they can see what God is doing.

Connect Group Application

Ask your group:

Thermometer Questions

- Am I reflecting the atmosphere around me?
- What attitudes am I absorbing from others?

Thermostat Questions

- What atmosphere do I want to create in my family?
- How can I bring faith, hope, and peace this week?

Fire Starter Questions

- Who can I ignite spiritually this week?
- What testimony can I share that will strengthen someone's faith?

A Simple Declaration

"I refuse to be a thermometer that merely reflects the atmosphere around me. Through the Holy Spirit, I will be a thermostat that sets the temperature of faith, hope, and love. I will be a fire starter who carries God's presence, awakens faith in others, and helps ignite revival wherever God sends me."

Key Principle

- Thermometers ask, "What's happening?"
- Thermostats ask, "What needs to happen?"
- Fire Starters ask, "Holy Spirit, what do You want to ignite here?"

When believers become thermostats and fire starters, homes change, Connect Groups come alive, churches awaken, and communities experience the transforming presence of God.