

1 **Pietism**2 **Concern over Spiritual Coldness**

- In the late 1600s, some German Lutheran leaders became concerned that their church was overly formal and doctrine-focused.
- Led by Philipp Spener, these Pietists promoted personal religious experience and holiness in everyday life.

3 **Spener's Six Proposals**

- Private meetings for Bible study; "little churches within the church"
- An increased role for the laity
- The practice of Christianity, not mere knowledge
- Kind treatment of sinners and heretics
- Greater emphasis on Bible reading and prayer in addition to doctrine in the training of church leaders
- Preaching to encourage holy living
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