

LIFE GROUP APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Psalms Series

These questions are for the **August 21, 2022**, sermon, "Revive us again." Please read the sermon passage (Psalm 85) together out loud.

Passage Outline

AS WE PRAY FOR REVIVAL WITHIN OUR NATION, NOTE . . .

1. The works that God has done. (1-3)
 - a. Key aspects of revival:
 - i. It begins inside and works out into behavior and service.
 - ii. A main component: people seeking the presence of the LORD.
 - iii. It transforms a region, sweeps through many of God's people.
 - iv. It addresses a problem: when the redeemed people of God begin to be indistinguishable from the culture around them.
 - b. Key beginnings of revival:
 - i. A rehearsal and review of the powerful works of God for his people.
 - ii. God begins to work both repentance and renewal by his Holy Spirit.
2. The restoration that God can provide. (4-7)
 - a. "Restore us again": 'do it again, Lord.'
 - b. The people of God recognize God's holiness, and his call for his people to be holy.
 - c. His people are revived. Rigorous repentance from sin and pursuit of God ensues.
3. The truths that God has revealed. (8-9)
 - a. God speaks peace (shalom) to his people.
 - b. God's ownership and name rest upon his people. God rescues his people.
4. The blessings that God will supply. (10-13)
 - a. Righteousness and peace powerfully converge on his people.
 - b. Even the land itself is blessed, producing fruitful blessings.

Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: One of the earmarks of revival is a review of the powerful works of revival that God does. Describe some of the things you know about the Great Awakening (1730's), revivals surrounding the Civil War, the Welsh Revival (early 1900s) and the Jesus Movement of the 1970s. What aspects of these historic movements cause worship and gratitude in your soul?
2. Based on #2, above: A key characteristic of revival is an awareness of God's holiness and a desire for his presence. We pray for him to do it again. It is typical for people to run away from God when they perceive his presence and holiness. Why would revived people run toward him?
3. Based on #3, above: Note the emphasis on God's people (2, 6, 8). God sets his name upon his people, the church, speaking peace to them (not judgment). What motivation falls upon us when we recognize this peace, this mercy?
4. Based on #4, above: Blessing and unity fall upon God's people and the land. Discuss this. In what ways do you contribute to and enjoy the peace of God's people?