

C3 LEADERS QUESTIONS

F2020-WEEK 3

9/14/20

Getting Started with a Warm-Up:

- Share with the group something you thanked God for this week?
- Share with the group something God has revealed to you, which He wants to change in your actions or in your character (i.e. He has shown me that I should spend more time with.... Or I need to work on my responses to...)

Getting Down to Business:

The following questions are following this format: Scripture, Observation, Application, and Prayer (SOAP).

- 1) **Scripture:** Read Psalm 85:4-7. Reflecting on the sermon from last Sunday, answer one of these questions: A. What verse(s) in Psalm 85:4-7 were most meaningful to you as it relates to revival? And why? B. What verse(s) in Psalm 85:4-7 taught you the most about revival? And why? C. What other passage(s) from scripture, not referred to in this sermon, have you found helpful in understanding about revival? And how does this passage compare to the sermon topic? (*Suggestion: Leaders be prepared to share your personal reflection in case no one else does.*)
- 2) **Observation:** A. How are God's people approaching Him in Psalm 85:4-7? (*Hint: There is a sense that their mind is ready to change rather than their actions. Suggestion: Please review the commentary.*)

*Below is an excerpt from the Bible Panorama commentary that you can access by following the link after the excerpt.

V 1–3: REMEMBER The psalmist remembers what God has done for the people of Israel before. He has turned their captivity and forgiven them.

V 4–5: RESTORE He asks God to turn from His anger at their sins and restore them again.

V 6–9: REVIVE He pleads for physical and spiritual revival through God's mercy, producing salvation, rejoicing and peace.

(<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=psalm+85&version=NLT>)

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B. From this prayer in Psalm 85:4-7 what can we learn about seeking God for revival? (*Suggestion: Please review the commentary.*)

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Ask Him for Renewed Life (vv. 4-7). It is one thing for the nation collectively to have a new birth of freedom, but there must also be changes in individuals. The praise begun in verses 1-3 (possibly by a choir) now becomes prayer from the hearts of the people. Note that the word us is used six times, for it is the people who are praying, not the choir or worship leader. “Turn [restore] us” is the burden of their prayer. It has well been said that a change in geography will never overcome a flaw in character. The return of the people to the land was no guarantee that all of them had returned to the Lord. Not only were they concerned that God’s chastening would end in their own lives, but they also did not want it to be passed on to their children and grandchildren. The word revive simply means “to live again, to be renewed in life.” (We must not confuse this with the modern meaning—“special meetings for winning the lost.”) Establishing the nation, rebuilding the temple, and restoring the liturgy would not guarantee God’s blessing on His people. They desperately needed His life at work within them. While in Babylon, had they heard or read Ezekiel’s message about the dry bones (Ezek. 37), and did they long for the wind of the Spirit to blow upon their own lives and homes? New life is not something that we manufacture ourselves; new life can come only from the Holy Spirit of God. God gave a special message about this to Haggai (Hag. 2:1-9) and also to Zechariah (Zech. 4:6).

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=psalm+85&version=NIV>

- 3) **Application:** A. Is there anything you can do to encourage a revival in your family, at MBC, and in our community on Molokai? (*Suggestion: Read again Psalm 85:4-7, how did the psalmist approach God?*) B. And how will you approach God?
- 4) **Prayer:** Guide your group in prayer for a revival in MBC, our community, our state, our nation, and worldwide.