

C3 LEADERS QUESTIONS

F2020-WEEK 4

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Getting Started with a Warm-Up:

- Share with the group some way you have experienced God in your life this week?
- What does Proverbs 1:7 call a person who does not fear the LORD? And how would you explain what the fear of the LORD is?
(For Leaders: “Fear of the Lord is the foundation of true knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline.” Proverbs 1:7, NLT)

Getting Down to Business:

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

(For Leaders: “8 I listen carefully to what God the Lord is saying, for he speaks peace to his faithful people. But let them not return to their foolish ways. 9 Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him, so our land will be filled with his glory.” Psalm 85:8-9, NLT)

- 1) **Scripture:** Read Psalm 85:8-9. Reflecting on the sermon from last Sunday, answer one of these questions: A. What verse(s) in Psalm 85:8-9 were most intriguing to you as it relates to positioning for revival? And why? B. In Psalm 85:8, what type of person will be in tune with God’s voice? And how will you describe that kind of person? C. According to Psalm 85:9 what is the ultimate benefit of fearing the Lord? And what does it mean that the “land will be filled with His glory”? *(For leaders: What’s another way to refer to God’s glory? Suggestion: Read the commentary below and the passages from scripture. Also be prepared to share in case no one else does.)*
- 2) **Observation:** A. In this passage Psalm 85:8-9, what would indicate that the psalmist has confidence that God’s answer to their prayer will be favorable? *(For leaders: Please review the commentary. Also be prepared to share in case no one else does.)*

*Below is an excerpt from the Warren Wiersbe BE Bible Study Series commentary that you can access by following the link after the excerpt.

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Listen for God's Message to You (vv. 8-13). "I will hear" suggests that the worship leader or a prophet stepped forward and said, in effect, "Now it is time to be silent before God and listen for His message to us for this hour." God and His people were now reconciled, and He was speaking peace to them (Jer. 29:11). "Saints" means "people who are set apart for God." Alas, Israel had a long record of "turning to folly"! According to the book of Judges, seven different nations were sent by God to chastise Israel; they repented, but they always lapsed back into idolatry again. After Solomon died, his son Rehoboam was a fool not to listen to the wise men of the land, and this led to a division of the kingdom. Jeroboam, ruler of the northern kingdom, manufactured his own religion and led the nation astray. How foolish! The task of God's people is to fear God and glorify Him (v. 9). The word dwell is the Hebrew word shechinah, and we speak of God's glory dwelling in the tabernacle (Ex. 40:34) and the temple (2 Chron. 7:1-3). Before the temple was destroyed, Ezekiel saw God's glory leave the structure (Ezek. 9:3; 10:1-4, 18-19; 11:22-23). When the Jewish remnant rebuilt the temple, the prophet Haggai promised that God's glory would return in an even greater way (Hag. 2:6-9)..

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

Here are some of the verses in scripture referenced in the commentary:

"For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope". (Jeremiah 29:11, NLT)

"Then the cloud covered the Tabernacle, and the glory of the Lord filled the Tabernacle". (Exodus 40:34)

"1 When Solomon finished praying, fire flashed down from heaven and burned up the burnt offerings and sacrifices, and the glorious presence of the Lord filled the Temple. 2 The priests could not enter the Temple of the Lord because the glorious presence of the Lord filled it. 3 When all the people of Israel saw the fire coming down and the glorious presence of the Lord filling the Temple, they fell face down on the ground and worshiped and praised the Lord, saying, "He is good! His faithful love endures forever!" (2 Chronicles 7:1-3, NLT)

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“Then the glory of the God of Israel rose up from between the cherubim, where it had rested, and moved to the entrance of the Temple. And the Lord called to the man dressed in linen who was carrying the writer’s case”. (Ezekiel 9:3, NLT)

6 “For this is what the Lord of Heaven’s Armies says: In just a little while I will again shake the heavens and the earth, the oceans and the dry land. 7 I will shake all the nations, and the treasures of all the nations will be brought to this Temple. I will fill this place with glory, says the Lord of Heaven’s Armies. 8 The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the Lord of Heaven’s Armies. 9 The future glory of this Temple will be greater than its past glory, says the Lord of Heaven’s Armies. And in this place I will bring peace. I, the Lord of Heaven’s Armies, have spoken!” (Haggai 2:6-9, NLT)

- 3) **Application:** A. How should we approach God as we seek a revival among His saints? *(For leaders: Read again Psalm 85:8-9, the commentary, and referenced verses from scripture)* B. And how will you apply Isaiah 40:31 into your prayer life?

(For leaders: “But those who trust in the Lord will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint.” Isaiah 40:31, NLT)

- 4) **Prayer:** Guide your group in prayer for the proper positioning and waiting upon our Lord for a revival in MBC, our community, our state, our nation, and worldwide.