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### Getting Started with a Warm-Up:

- Share with the group recent answer(s) to prayer that has displayed God's work in your life.
- According to Romans 5:1-2 how are we made right in God's sight?
   "1Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us. 2
   Because of our faith, Christ has brought us into this place of undeserved privilege where we now stand, and we confidently and joyfully look forward to sharing God's glory". (Romans 5:1-2, NLT)

(For Leaders: The Bible Panorama commentary (<a href="https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=romans+5%3A1-3&version=N">https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=romans+5%3A1-3&version=N</a> LT) V 1–5: RESULTS The immediate results of being justified by faith are peace with God through Christ, access by faith into His grace, and rejoicing in the hope of God's glory. But even tribulations bring their character-shaping blessings for those who are justified. This is especially so because of God's pouring His love into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.)

#### **Getting Down to Business:**

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

(For Leaders: 10 Unfailing love and truth have met together. Righteousness and peace have kissed! 11 Truth springs up from the earth, and righteousness smiles down from heaven. 12 Yes, the Lord pours down his blessings. Our land will yield its bountiful harvest. 13 Righteousness goes as a herald before him, preparing the way for his steps. (Psalm 85:10-13, NLT)

• 1) **Scripture:** Read Psalm 85:10-13. Reflecting on the sermon from last Sunday, answer one of these questions: A. What verse(s) in Psalm 85:10-13 stood out to you? And why? B. In Psalm 85:10-13, why do you think the psalmist repeatedly uses the word *righteousness*? And who is he referring to? C. Psalm 85:10-13 describes the characteristics of God's presence when revival takes place and

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gives us a glimpse of the "Ultimate Revival". What is the "Ultimate Revival" and when will it occur? (For leaders: Hint, "He who is the faithful witness to all these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon!" Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!", Revelation 22:20, NLT. Also Read the commentary below and the passages from scripture. And 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.

In verses 10-13, the Lord announced future blessings that He would send if His people continued to walk with Him. Righteousness and peace—attributes of God—are personified and would "kiss" each other, for the warfare would be over. (See Isa. 32:17; Rom. 3:21-31; 5:1-3.) Surely there is a glimpse here of the person and work of Jesus Christ, for only in Him can mercy and truth become friends, for if you tell the truth, you may not receive mercy! But the blessing changes the people, for truth springs up from the earth! God's people are faithful and walk in the truth. The psalmist described a world of holiness and harmony, a picture of the coming kingdom over which Christ shall reign. And what a harvest there will be, not only of food necessary for survival (Hag. 1:3-11) but also of heaven-sent blessings that will bring joy to the land. As people walk through the land, God's righteousness will go before them, and their way will be prepared. God's will shall be done on earth just as it is now done in heaven.

"Even so, come, Lord Jesus!" (Rev. 22:20).

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

Here's one of the passages mentioned above.

"And this righteousness will bring peace. Yes, it will bring quietness and confidence forever". (Isaiah 32:17, NLT)

• 2) **Observation:** As Psalm 85 concludes, has the psalmist's desire for revival been satisfied (has he got what he has been looking for)? Why or why not? (For leaders: In our series on Psalm 85, we have covered the passion for revival [verses 1-3] as the psalmist rehearsed past revivals; the prayer for revival [verses

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4-7] where the psalmist asks God for revival; the positioning for revival [verses 8-9] where the psalmist puts himself in the place of revival; and the preview of revival [verses 10-13] looking at what revival will bring. Also be prepared to share in case no one else does.)

- 3) **Application:** How can the beauty of the picture in Psalm 85:10 motivate us to apply Psalm 85 into our lives? (For leaders: "Unfailing love and truth have met together. Righteousness and peace have kissed!" Psalm 85:10, NLT)
- 4) **Prayer:** Once again, guide your group in prayer for God to send revival to MBC, our community, our state, our nation, and worldwide.