

Summer in the Psalms

The songs that Jesus sang

Revive us, o Lord– Psalm 85

September 4, 2022

“They prayed for revival. God gave them Jesus.”

We conclude our series of summer psalms as Lewis Roderick takes us to psalm 85 and shows us 4 snapshots of a community longing for revival.

For personal reflection/community discussion

Read – Read the passage in its context several times. Read it slow enough to understand what God is saying through it.

- What ideas or words are emphasised, repeated or related in this passage?
- In your own words, what is the main idea of this passage? (Try to summarise these verses in 10 words or less)

Examine – Next, try to understand the specifics of what the passage is communicating.

- What do you notice about God? What has he done/is he doing in these verses?
- What do you learn about Jesus and his gospel from this passage?
- What does it reveal about people?
- How do you think the writer wanted his reader to respond to these words?

Apply - After seeking to understand God’s Word in this passage, consider how he intends to use it in your heart and life today.

- What comes to mind when you hear the word 'revival'?
- Which snapshot (remembrance, honesty, longing, promise) grabbed your attention the most? Why?
- Take another look at vv.10-13. How do these words describe Christ? How might they apply to a church community? How should we pray in light of this?
- Sometimes we need others to draw out of us the things deep inside, ask someone about their early experiences with Jesus and invite them to quiz you.
- Take some time to pray Psalm 85.