# 1) Awaken me to the revival history before me.

How familiar are you with the accounts of revival in the Bible and more recent history? List as many as you can. What did God do to revive his people?

When was your high-water mark with God? How long ago was that? What needs to happen to get you back to that point and exceed it?

Can you describe a season of personal revival in your history?

# 2) Awaken me to the spiritual emergency around me.

Do you agree that our nation is in a state of spiritual emergency?

Where do you see yourself, your family, your church, and your community in the cycle of Revival?



Discuss this definition of revival by John Piper: "Revival is the sovereign work of God to awaken His people with fresh intensity to the truth and glory of God, the ugliness of sin, the horror of hell, the preciousness of Christ's atoning work, the wonder of salvation by grace through faith, the urgency of holiness and witness, and the sweetness of worship with God's people."

Does that definition describe your current walk with the Lord or is it a distant memory?

# 3) Awaken me to the severe mercy in front of me.

Why is God's judgment a necessary part of the path to revival? How does judgment create desperation? What role does desperation play in prayer? What role does prayer play in revival?

Describe a time when you were disciplined by the Lord.

#### When revival comes...

## 1. God's Word will be exalted and authoritative over human experience.

Personal extra-biblical experience can lead to confusion and grave spiritual error. Read Psalm 119:25. What role does the Bible play in revival?

## 2. There will be intense conviction of sin, leading to repentance.

When was the last time you were brought to your knees under the weight of conviction from God's spirit?

# 3. Humility and brokenness will be evident.

There is no revival where there is no humility and brokenness. Is your will broken and surrendered to do whatever the Lord would require of your to experience revival? Are you hiding sin or living in a state of continuous revival as your repent and confess your sinfulness to God?

# 4. There will be deliberate acts of reconciliation and restitution.

Have you come to God in worship while you know there is outstanding unforgiveness and offense with another person? What must happen in your relationships in order for you to experience revival?

## 5. There will be a growing interest in prayer.

Is spending time in God's presence a chore or a delight?

## 6. Joy will be pure and overflowing.

Do you enjoy being with other people who are seeking God for revival? What do you enjoy more than the presence of God? Why?

# 7. Evangelism and missions will flourish.

Is it difficult for you to share the gospel with others? Do you know how? Do you fear the rejection of others?

# **Additional Scripture**

- Judges 2:10
- Jeremiah 18:7-8
- John 16:8
- Psalm 85:6
- Acts 2:42-47