



**MEET GOD  
GROW IN FAITH  
MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

**Revival– Revive Us O Lord  
Sermon Discussion Questions – March, 12 2023**

***Scripture Passages:***

**2 Chronicles 16:9 (NIV)**-- For the eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him...

**Isaiah 43:19 (NIV)**--See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.

**Luke 19:42 (NIV)**-- and said, “If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes.

**Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)**-- For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

**Isaiah 55:8-9 (NIV)**-- “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the Lord. 9 “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

**Mark 6:48 (NIV)**-- He saw the disciples straining at the oars, because the wind was against them. Shortly before dawn he went out to them, walking on the lake. He was about to pass by them

**Matthew 14:28-31 (NIV)**-- "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water." "Come," he said. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?"

**Romans 12:2 (MSG)**-- You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.

### *Warm Up:*

March Madness is here! March Madness is a basketball tournament that happens every March, millions of people fill out their bracket in hopes to guess what might happen. Madness happens quite often as upsets occur in any round. Who are you guessing to take home the national title this year? How do you assess matchups? If you're not into sports or basketball that is okay! I know people who have filled out a bracket and picked wins based on how cute the school mascot was, it is more about sharing in the fun. (Honestly, their brackets sometimes turn out better too).

### *Discussion:*

1. At the beginning of his message Pastor Scott shared some history about the Welsh revival. He also shared this quote from Evan Roberts, the coal miner who God used to start this revival. "The Church has been sleeping. But she is awake and putting on her armor now, and marching triumphantly. But do not make a mistake: God cannot do a great work through you without doing a great work in you first" –Evan Roberts. What are your initial reactions to this quote? What might it look like for God to do a work in a person?
2. Pastor Scott explains we have had these moments where we feel God wanting to do something great in us. He gives a couple of examples like in a worship service you feel God tugging at your heart. Or while in the Word you are convicted or find some clarity. These are just a few, but what are some moments you've experienced God speaking to your heart?
3. Read Isaiah 43:19. Pastor Scott explains that every moment needs movement or it becomes a mis-opportunity. He also explains how an outward move should not be our first move, but most of the time we default to that. Rather the first move must be an inward move. How might you describe the difference between an inward move and an outward move? In moments of opportunity are you more likely to move outward or inwardly first? Why do you think that is?

4. "I am revived when I inwardly set my hope in God"- Pastor Scott. Holding on to hope can be challenging especially when faced with difficult circumstances. The enemy loves when you doubt and begin to lose hope, he is the thief of hope. Hope though is the fuel for our faith. Where does your hope currently lie? What are some practical ways that you can gauge where you are putting your hope?

5. Read Luke 19:42. Jesus used the phrase "if only you knew" to the religious leaders who are making a big deal about the people celebrating Jesus' coming into the city. This is a week before Christ's death and resurrection and only if the religious leaders knew what was to come. That same phrase can be given to us today even, "if only we knew" the work that Jesus wants to do in our hearts. If you only knew what would bring your peace is not found in circumstance. This is not optimism, which relies on circumstances, rather Biblical hope is not based on circumstances. How might you describe the difference between Biblical hope and optimism? What are one or two areas in your own life where you want to have Biblical hope? What might God want to do in that area of your life?

6. "We think we need to keep pushing harder and harder in one direction, when all we need to do is go another way."- Pastor Scott. Pastor Scott continues to define repentance from the Greek word which is metanoia, defined as meta- change and noia- mind. What do you think repentance looks like? How has repentance changed you?

7. Read Matthew 14:28-31. This classic story showcases Peter's personality really well but also gives good insight on how when we lose focus on Jesus we begin to sink. Who do you identify with most in this story and why? How might the themes in this story related to the overall theme of revival in this week's message? What can we learn from this story that might prepare us for revival?

### ***Next Steps:***

In this message Pastor Scott gives four ways to be revived.

"The first move is not outward its inward."

"I am revived when I begin to put my hope in the right thing."

"I am revived when my heart is turned towards God's way."

"I am revived when I fix my attention on God."

Take some time with each of these statements. Seek God and his heart for you. Allow God to pinpoint the areas in your life that you need to repent.

Feel free to use these questions to guide your reflection or conversation.

What is my first response to opportunities to change? Is it outward or inward?

How do I currently see hope? What is my hope in?

Where is my heart at? Where do I need to turn towards God's way?

What currently has my attention? What might I need to surrender to fix my attention on God?

