

Thalia UMC ~ Revival Handout: November 2020

In God's love, we encourage you to take some time to prayerfully read and meditate upon these Bible passages and quotes, opening yourself up to God's Presence and guidance.

Do you personally believe you need revival? More of the life of Christ within you? Do you long for it?

Psalm 85:6-7 - Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you? Show us your unfailing love, LORD, and grant us your salvation.



An account from John Wesley's journal of a watch night service - entry for Jan. 1, 1739:

Mr. Hall, Kinchin, Ingham, Whitefield, Hutchins & my brother Charles, were present at our love-feast in Fetter-Lane, with about sixty of our brethren. About three in the morning, as we were continuing instant in prayer, the power of God came mightily upon us, insomuch that many cried out for exceeding joy, and many fell to the ground. As soon as we were recovered a little from that awe & amazement at the presence of his Majesty, we broke out with one voice, "We praise thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to be the Lord."

John Wesley wrote in 1746: "Our main doctrines, which include all the rest, are three, that of repentance, of faith, and of holiness. The first of these we account, as it were, the porch of religion; the next, the door; the third is religion itself." (Wesley, "The Principles of a Methodist Farther Explained"; in *Works* 9:227) We'll use this 'house' metaphor in our time together seeking God.

➤ **Reflect on Repentance, the Porch of Repentance:**

Isaiah 30:15 - This is what the Sovereign LORD, the Holy One of Israel, says: "In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength, but you would have none of it."

Mark 1:15 - "The time has come," Jesus said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!"

➤ **Reflect on Faith that rescues, Faith that sustains, the Door of Faith:**

John 3:16-18 - For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

John 10:7-10 - Therefore Jesus said again, "Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved.^[a] They will come in and go out, and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

➤ **Reflect on Holiness / Christ-likeness, the House of Holiness:**

1 Peter 1:13-16 - Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming. As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 - May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.

