



## Revive Us, O God

### WEEK 3 DISCUSSION GUIDE

#### OVERVIEW

In this message of the series, *Why God?*, we will learn how we can practically live revived and find new perspectives.

#### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

**Habakkuk 3:2** says: *O LORD, I have heard Your speech and was afraid; O LORD, revive Your work in the midst of the years!* Habakkuk knows the Babylonians are coming and the situation may not get better for quite some time. He knows the consequences of the sin of the nation of Israel are coming – yet, he chooses to pray for God to show up and appeals, “God, show Your mercy.” Habakkuk is praying a prayer of revival. He’s saying, “Bring us back to life! Revive us!” The Hebrew word for revive is *hāyâ* (pr. khaw-yaw’) and it means: to give life, to repeat, to restore to life.

- Has there ever been a time where God revived a relationship or situation and brought it back to life?
- What are you currently praying for God to revive?

**2 Chronicles 7:14** says: *“If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.”* The keys that most often unlock the door to revival and personal renewal are humility and repentance.

- How can we humble ourselves daily?
- Why is repentance an important part of receiving forgiveness and experiencing healing?

## How to Live Revived and Find a New Perspective

1. Remember what God did yesterday.

**Habakkuk 3:3-6** says: *God came from Teman, the Holy One from Mount Paran. Selah. His glory covered the heavens, and the earth was full of His praise. His brightness was like the light; He had rays flashing from His hand, and there His power was hidden. Before Him went pestilence, and fever followed at His feet. He stood and measured the earth; He looked and startled the nations. And the everlasting mountains were scattered, the perpetual hills bowed. His ways are everlasting.* When we look back and remember what God has done, it increases our faith, our passion, and our expectancy!

- When was the last time God did something amazing in your life?

2. Rehearse today.

When we have lost our passion and perspective, we need to not only remember, but also rehearse – to speak out loud – Who God is and what He has done. Rehearse means to repeat or say again, to recite aloud. **Romans 10:17** says: *So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.* As you speak the Word, faith grows, and the Word goes deep within you.

- What Scripture do you need to speak over your life right now? Take a few minutes to find one and share with the group.

3. Rejoice in the Lord.

**Habakkuk 3:17-18** says: *Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will be joyful in God my Savior.* To rejoice is to repeatedly find joy in the Lord. Let's live dependent on God, confident in His presence, focused on His Word, and joyful for the future.

- Think of a time when you chose to have joy in a difficult situation. How do you think rejoicing affected the outcome?

### LIFE CHALLENGE

When times are tough, particularly when you're going through overwhelming things and your heart is hurting—stop and remember. Habakkuk looked back and remembered the times God had shown up with His greatness and power in the earth. Remember the greatness and the strength of God. Remember all He's done for you. Habakkuk is saying, "God, You've done it before. I know You can do it again."

### PRAYER

*We praise You, God, for Your goodness. We choose to rejoice in these uncertain times. We trust You are always working and we put our faith and hope in You! Amen.* Pray for the specific needs of the group.