

[SG Textbook]

**Lord, We long for your revival**

Luke 3:1-6

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Revival has many definitions. Dr. J. I. Packer defined revival as “the ordinary ministry of the gospel under extraordinary divine power, liberating believers and compelling the attention of the world.” When the Holy Spirit comes, repentance, spiritual awakening, and personal and social change take place. Revival is the work of God working in the hearts of His people and revealing the sovereignty of His grace while the subject of revival is Himself. Just as a new spiritual era opened through John the Baptist, who longed for God in the desert, I hope and pray that a new fire of revival will arise in us as well.

1. Looking back on the past week, share the most memorable engaging-the-lost experience.
2. The word of God came to John, who longed only for God on an empty field (v. 2). The revival we need today comes only when we listen to God's Word, yearn for Him, and have a heart filled with God, with the same spirituality as the poor. In the midst of our busy daily lives, is there a way to recover our spiritual well-being?
3. Revival is God's complete grace, but it needs a passage (v. 4). Like John the Baptist who prepared the way for Jesus, there were prayer warriors who had been praying for a long period of time for the revival of Asbury University, Kentucky. How often do you pray for the spiritual restoration and revival of your family and church? Do I have a resolution I need today to grow in earnestness toward God?
4. The ultimate fruit of revival is the exaltation of Jesus Christ (v. 6). Please share your reason and the purpose of your prayer and worship. Please pray for each other so that our lives may become channels of blessing for revealing Jesus Christ.

*"As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet,*

*"The voice of one crying in the wilderness:*

*'Prepare the way of the Lord,'" (Luke 3:4, ESV)*