



## KINGDOM PRAYER – May 27

Though we wrapped up the Stories of Revival sermon series last Sunday, this guide aims to keep stirring our collective longing for revival in and around us. Here are some suggested approaches to help you do that but feel the freedom to engage the Lord as seems best suited to your group.

**Discovering & Responding to God’s Word** – The people of God in Nehemiah 8 and King Josiah (2 Chronicles 34) experienced revival in part because they made their hearts vulnerable and tender before God and his Word.

- Pray for awareness to see more clearly where you and your community may be resisting God and his Word.
- If you lack trust in him and his good intentions, confess that. Ask for his forgiveness through Jesus for not considering him trustworthy.
- Then ask him to swell your trust *in him*. Ask for joy and freedom to live vulnerably before him, open to the good things he desires to do in and through you.

**Hoping in God’s Renewal** – The account of King Hezekiah from 2 Chronicles 31 gave us hope that we too can seek reviving because God is gracious and merciful to grant it.

- Acknowledge areas where you may be settling for the status quo in your life with God.
- Ask for hope, based on his mercy and grace, that you can experience greater joy, richer rejoicing, and deeper gladness in God himself.
- Ask for courage and resolve, where you need it, to act on the desires to seek him and his kingdom that he’s placed in you. Pray your community would be a help to each other in this.

**A Revived Life** – The death of Stephen in Acts 7 gave us a glimpse of what is possible when the Spirit pours the reviving presence of God into believers. Stephen’s experience was a result of the work of the same Spirit that fills everyone who is trusting in Christ.

- Pray for more conscious awareness of God’s presence and activity on your behalf, especially in the midst of pressures and trials.
- Ask the Spirit to make God’s glory weightier to you than your present circumstances, whether good or bad.
- Stephen’s death was a seed of revival throughout his region. Pray for your neighbors, co-workers, and friends that you long to see experience God’s reviving.