

Faith Family Church
Small Group Lessons
January Lesson One 2008

REVIVAL

I. Opening:

- A. Share the following story of revival.

The Welsh newspaper Western Mail published the following report on November 10, 1904: "A remarkable religious revival is now taking place in Loughor. For some days a young man named Evan Roberts, a native of Loughor, has been causing great surprise at Moriah Chapel. The place has been besieged by dense crowds of people unable to obtain admission. Such excitement has prevailed that the road on which the chapel is situated has been lined with people from end to end... Many who have disbelieved Christianity for years are returning to the fold of their younger days. One night, so great was the enthusiasm invoked by the young evangelist that, after his sermon which lasted two hours, the vast congregation remained praying and singing until 2:30 in the morning. Shopkeepers are closing early in order to get a place in the chapel.

- B. Read definition of "revival."

1. Revival is the extraordinary movement of the Holy Spirit in the hearts of Christians which produces extraordinary results.

II. What do You Think?

- A. Question.

1. As the definition of "revival" is read one more time, identify the one word that jumps out at you. Share the word with the group and why you chose it.

III. Psalm 85:6

- A. Discussion.

1. Is this a question you've ever posed to God?
2. What is significant about the word "again?"
3. How do revival and rejoicing go together?

IV. Application:

- A. Questions.

1. The psalmist reminds us to ask God for revival. Why do you think so many believers never ask?
2. When God send revival, things change! If God sent revival to your life, what changes do you think would immediately occur?

V. Closing:

- A. Share and prayer.

1. Ask people to openly share their need for revival.
2. Close by praying for one another.