Revive us again! – A prayer for revival

Ps 80:3

**Focal Truth**: God’s people must pray for God’s renewed favor on them.

What sort of things do we pray for as a church?

(Missions, Ministry needs, People who are sick…)

***When was the last time our church prayed together for God to revive us?***

These days of returning to worship must be days of praying for church – wide revival!

Ps 80 – is the cry of God’s people for God’s favor to return to them 80:1-3,7,14,18,19

**Observations**

**The corporate prayer for revival**

1. **Turn us - Restore us** = bring back, refresh, give back life – 80:3

 *O God, restore us…*

1. The corporate prayer of God’s people – turn to us!
2. Ps 123: be gracious to us, O Lord, be gracious to us
3. **Turn to us** - turn your face to us – 80:3

 *And cause Your face…* Turn towards – to look at – look on me, God’s attention

1. Num. 6:26 – the Lord lift up His countenance on you and give you peace
2. Ps. 4:6 – lift up the light of your countenance – facial expression
3. Ps 16:11 – in your presence is fullness of joy…

 **God’s face toward us is His favor, presence, attention & care!**

1. **Shine on us** – Heb. = to become bright, to give light, to lighten – 80:3

 a**. Shining face of God is His favor in the face of the Lord Jesus Christ**

 2 Cor. 4:6 - For God who said, light shall shine out of darkness, is the One

 who has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory

 of God in the face of Christ

 b. John 1:4 – In Him was life, and the life was the light of men

1. **Turn to us again – 80:14**

 *O God of hosts, turn again, we beseech You…*

1. Call to God in patience to turn to us again

 How many times has God had to revive us, forgive us, save us, strengthen

 us?

1. Ps. 67:1 – God be gracious to us and bless us, & cause His face to shine on us

**The corporate promises of the revived**

1. 80:7 - We will be saved if you turn to us
2. 80:18 - We will not turn back from you
3. 80: 18 - Revive us & we will call on Your name

**Things to remember**

1. God sometimes hides His face from His children when they turn away from Him – Ps. 13:1 how long will you hide your face from me; James 4:6 - God resists the proud

 Eph. 4:30 - Do not grieve the Spirit by which you are sealed

1. Everything we do, we do to the face of God – Ps 51:4 – I have done what is evil in your sight
2. God’s face is against those who do evil – 1 Pet 3:12
3. God renews the people who turn to him
4. God renews the people who ask him

**Daily Use**

1. As church we must ask God to restore and revive us!
2. Begin this week each morning for God to restore & revive FBCD – keep asking!
3. As a church we must remove the proud things that keep God from blessing us
4. As a church we must confess our grieving of the Spirit