Revive Us Again

In a time of spiritual decline, Hosea looked forward to God’s promise of renewal for Israel in the last days. The message God gave through Hosea encourages us to seek spiritual renewal and revival in our days.

**1. Break up the fallow ground** (10:11-13)

Fallow ground represents the heart that is –

A. *Hard*

B. *Weedy*

C. *Unfruitful*

**2. Sow with a view to righteousness**

Galatians 6:7-10; 5:16, 22-23

A. Walk in the Spirit for *personal holiness*

B. Devote yourself to *practical helpfulness*

**3. Seek the Lord now and next**

A. Because we cannot do our *duty*

B. Because God’s blessing may be *delayed*

**4. Look for revival** (6:1-3)

Because –

A. The Lord Himself has *wounded us*

B. The Lord has *committed Himself to us*

Hosea 11:1, 4, 8

**For additional study or family discussion**

1. What did the Lord say to you today through His word? Did you learn some new truth about God or yourself? Did the Lord challenge you, convict you, or encourage you?

2. Jeremiah 4:1-3. What was Israel supposed to do (v. 1-2a) that would break up the fallow ground (v. 3)? What would the result have been if they had done this (v. 2b)?

3. James 3:13-18. When Christians sow seed for a harvest of righteousness (v. 18), what kind of character is the result?

4. What are some of the things that happen when God revives His people? (Note: In these passages some versions have “restore life” or “give life” instead of “to revive” since “revive” means “to cause to live again.”)

Psalm 71:20-24

Psalm 80:17-19

Psalm 85:5-7

5. Isaiah 55:6-7. How does a person seek the Lord? What promise does the Lord give to those who seek Him?