

WITNESS – Reaching out to others
(Aim for 20 – 30 minutes)

Praying for one another

Romans 12:9-21 (NIVUK)

¹⁰ Be devoted to one another in love. Honour one another above yourselves. ¹¹ Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervour, serving the Lord. ¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

Go around the group and share a challenge what you are facing so that others might pray for you.

When each person has shared pray for each other, with each person praying for the person on their left..

Conclude by praying The Caleb prayer:-

O High King of Heaven,
Have mercy on our land.
Revive your Church.
Send the Holy Spirit for the sake of the lost, the least and the broken.
May your Kingdom come to our nation.
In Jesus' mighty name. **Amen.**

Trusting God in 3 Troubled Times

What is at the heart of revival? *Isaiah 49.8 - 50.3*

WELCOME – Breaking the ice *(Aim for 10 minutes)*

How do you respond to the question

“Do you find it easy to believe that God approves of you?”

What leads you to answer it in the way you do?

OR

“Both good and bad experiences can be the raw material through which God works his purposes in our lives”

In what ways have you found this to be true?

WORSHIP – Meeting the Lord *(Aim for 10 – 15 minutes)*

As you turn to pray be quiet for a moment and turn your focus to God.

Go around the room and each person pray a thank you prayer.

Then together pray:-

**Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,
Ignite in us your holy fire;
Strengthen your children with the gift of faith,
Revive your Church with the breath of love,
And renew the face of the earth,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Finish this worship time with the leader praying for your meeting.

WORD – Applying the truth

(Aim for 40 – 45 minutes)

Read Isaiah 49.8 - 50.3

1 The Lord is going to save his people, and the servant is going to be the mediator of his covenant with the people.

How do verses 8-12 describe different aspects of Gods salvation?

2 In what ways do verses 8-12 give a foretaste of the ministry of Jesus?

3 What is meant by “covenant” between God and his people Israel (verse 8)? How did God respond to the fact that they broke it? What does this show about him?

4 Israel (Zion) responds with a complaint in verse 14. By what arguments does the Lord refute the complaint in verses 15-18?

5 How do you feel about the suggestion that God has “tattooed” you onto his hands (verse 16)?

6 Review the forces marshalled in this passage for the battle against discouragement and despair.

How does this knowledge help you with the daily battles you face?

7 Do you ever feel that God’s promises are just too wonderful for the likes of you and draw back because you feel you do not deserve them? What do you think Isaiah would say to this?

8 What features do revivals have in common? How does this affect your understanding of what revival is and how it comes about?