

# Westwood Baptist Church *Grounded. Growing. Going.*



Worship Guide for July 5, 2020

## Sermon Notes

### **Desperate for A New Normal**

Psalm 85 (pew Bible pg. 493)

nor-mal /'nôrməl: conforming to a standard; usual, typical, or expected. Will life ever be this way again? Will it ever be “typical” or “expected” like it once was? All of us, in one way or another, look forward to things getting back to ‘normal’.

Is normal what we need spiritually? What if God has something in store for us that goes beyond anything we’ve known as ‘normal’? The writer of Psalm 85 is telling us we need something beyond what we’ve grown used to. “Psalm 85 urges us to a kind of holy discontentment with the status quo. The psalmist is not saying, “It is what it is.” He’s saying, “No, it needs to change. God, come!” (David Platt) Psalm 85 calls us to be desperate for a new normal.

*Lord, what you have done before we need to see again! (Ps 85: 1-7)*

We need recollection – remembering what God has done in the past. (vv1-3)

We need repentance – turning away from all that displeases God. (vv4-5)

We need revival – a restoration of fellowship with God. (vv6-7)

*Lord, what you have said before we need to hear again! (Ps 85: 8-13)*

What you’ve said through the prophets (v8)

What you’ve said in Christ (vv9-10)

What you’ve said about our future (vv11-13)

# Weekly Discipleship Guide

## Sunday

*In your journal, reflect on today's sermon by answering the following:*

I never knew:

I was challenged:

I was reminded:

I was convicted:

A question I still have:

A truth I could share:

**Know**

## Monday

*Spend some time today doing the following:*

Read the sermon passage again.

Select a portion of this week's sermon passage to memorize this week.

Write your selected portion and read it to yourself at least 10 times throughout the day.

**Know > Be**

## Tuesday

*In your journal, spend some time writing about the following:*

Read the sermon passage again.

Write a prayer of response, guided by the passage.

(May include adoration, confession/repentance, thanksgiving, petition, etc...)

Write your selected portion of the Scripture several times to aid in memorization.

**Be**

## Wednesday

*Think about this week's questions for group discussion:*

What is the difference between being content with your life and being apathetic toward spiritual growth and calling?

How can we allow the things that make us weary in this world to drive us to a desire for more with God?

Let's practice some remembrance this week. In a journal begin to log all of the ways that you remember the Lord, his presence, and his work throughout your life. Take some time this week to share some or all of that list with someone else.

**Be > Do**

## Thursday

*In your journal, spend some time considering the following:*

What insights have you had while internalizing this week's passage?

How specifically will you seek to apply its truths in your home/workplace/life in general?

**Do**

\*Use this guide to help you internalize this week's passage & message.

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