

Dec 19/21 - Read Psalm 85 – Leader's Guide

1. In v. 1-3, the psalmist is doing two things: he remembers God's historic favour to Israel and he puts God on the spot about His legal obligations to fulfill the covenant promises. From this psalmist's approach, what do we learn about prayer to God?
2. In v. 4-7, the psalmist prays for complete restoration. How can we specifically pray for restoration for ourselves, for those we love, and for all the world?
3. In v. 8-9, the psalmist makes a wish to hear God speak peace to his people. This calls back to the creation event and also the revelation of God through the prophets. How have you experienced God's speaking His word of peace to you this past year?
4. In v. 10-13, the psalmist imagines a world being perfected in front of him. Divine virtues like long-lost companions finally reunite in an embrace in the new creation, with everything in harmony. How can we foster prophetic imagination and eschatological (i.e. future) hope as a church?