

Prayer topics for the week beginning 28/11/22

Do we believe that revival can start in Dereham and the surrounding area?

We have just had a week of prayer for our town and surrounding villages, where God and Jesus are more commonly used as swear words rather than spoken in reverence and awe. How desperate are we to see God answer those prayers?

On Sunday 20th we had the song 'I see the King of Glory' in which we sang:

"Break my heart for what breaks Yours, everything I am for Your kingdom's cause"

If we truly mean them, these are powerful words for us to be singing.

Do we really want God to align our hearts to him if it means they are broken by the chaos of our world? To join him crying in anguish for the lost - he gave his son as a sacrifice so that they could be found, rescued and welcomed into his kingdom.

Are we really ready to offer all we are for the cause of that kingdom? To fully give ourselves to the Father so that we can hear and respond to what He wants us to say and do?

Rodney Smith, better known as Gipsy Smith, was a renowned British evangelist in late 1800s - early 1900s. In his early twenties, he accepted an invitation from The Salvation Army to travel and preach. Huge crowds began to gather wherever he taught. Thousands put their faith in Jesus following his magnetic and compelling communication of the Gospel. When asked the secret to such successful, large revival gatherings, Gipsy responded, *"Go home. Lock yourself in your room. Kneel down in the middle of the floor, and with a piece of chalk, draw a circle around yourself. There, on your knees, pray fervently and brokenly that God would start a revival within that chalk circle."*

This week let us examine ourselves and ask God to begin a revival in each of us.

Set time aside to sit in his presence and ask him to pour his love into your hearts by the Holy Spirit. Ask him what he requires of you and take time to listen to his voice.

You may think you can't do anything worthwhile, but that is a lie which the deceiver loves to use to prevent us from stepping into the plans God has for us.

And let's continue to pray for our town and villages. Prayer is a powerful weapon. The mid-20th century Hebridean Revival happened because of the faithful prayers of two elderly sisters. God heard their prayers and many thousands were saved. Pray each day for those who we will come into contact with, that as they experience God's love and kindness, they will turn to him and be saved. Pray that God pours out his Holy Spirit so that the people of Dereham will not be able to resist him. We have a baptism service planned for January 29th - let's pray that we have many new Christians queueing up to be baptised. Imagine that!

Blessings

Richard and Nigel