INTRODUCTION

In Scripture, God has laid out a master plan for The Great Commission and for evangelism in the world: to the Jew first, and then to the Gentile. Though the Jewish people originally rejected the Messiah, they opened the door for the Gentiles (non-Jews) to come to know Jesus as Lord. Today, we re-present the Gospel to the Jewish, knowing that Jesus came as a restorer and redeemer.

[Roman 11.14-15]

For I speak to you Gentiles; inasmuch as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry, if by any means I may provoke to jealousy those who are my flesh and save some of them. For if their being cast away is the reconciling of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?
MESSAGE

[Romans 1.16]

For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes—the Jew first and also the Gentile.

[Romans 11.15]

For since their rejection meant that God offered salvation to the rest of the world, their acceptance will be even more wonderful. It will be life for those who were dead!

**Simply put, revival is life from death.**

[Psalm 22.14-18]

I am poured out like water, and all My bones are out of joint; My heart is like wax; It has melted within Me. My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and My tongue clings to My jaws; You have brought Me to the dust of death. For dogs have surrounded Me; The congregation of the wicked has enclosed Me. They pierced My hands and My feet; I can count all My bones. They look and stare at Me. They divide My garments among them, and for My clothing they cast lots.

The Old Testament pointed forward to the Crucifixion of Christ, a prophetic picture of the suffering servant, who would save us. This Scripture accurately portrays the physical symptoms, even before the crucifixion was a practice of punishment.

**You have God's undivided attention.**

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. What are some cultural or social stigmas that were crossed by people who befriended you? (gender, race, social status, etc.)
2. Who are some folks who have significantly witnessed to you about Jesus Christ? What were some of your responses? (Did your response change over time?)
3. What scripture can you refer to, that God speaks to you through every time?
4. How have you experienced God's sovereignty in your life, or in the life of your family? What at some ways that "God worked all things for good for you who love Him and are called according to His purpose?"
5. How did the Lord continue to draw you in, even when your past experiences would have you deny him?