

These questions are for the August 31, 2025, message, "Preparing for Revival," from the series entitled, "Seeking Him." Please read the sermon passage (2 Chron 7:4-16) together out loud.

Passage Outline

Definition: the unique work of God among His own people which refreshes them to treasure His presence above all else (Acts 3:20).

1. The subject of revival (2 Chron 7:14).
 - a. As we pray for revival, we are praying for a "refresh" in those who belong to God.
 - b. We should not expect unbelievers to act like believers.
2. The conditions of revival (2 Chron 7:14). Revival is near when . . .
 - a. God's people seek Him humbly.
 - i. Humility is a conscious awareness that I need God's assistance / help.
 - ii. Humility is when "we seek His instruction."
 - b. God's people pray (when we seek His intervention).
 - c. God's people desire him (when we seek His face).
 - d. God's people repent (seek His ways).
3. The results of revival (2 Chron 7:14).
 - a. God hears us.
 - b. God forgives our sin.
 - c. God heals our land.

Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: It's easy to blame our problems on the sinfulness of unbelievers, but God says that the real reason for our season of discipline is not the sinfulness of unbelievers, but the sinfulness of His people—you and me. The solution will not come from politics, but from a refreshing work of God which stirs His people to love Him and treasure righteousness. Discuss this. Pray for a refreshing work of God's grace (revival).
2. Based on #2, above: Revival is near when God's people humble themselves by seeking His instruction, His intervention, His face and His ways. Which of these four conditions is closest to you? Which is furthest?
3. Based on #3, above: In the results of God's gracious work of revival, he "blesses all the families of the earth" (Gen 12:3) by remaining close to His own people and assuring us of the blessings that we really have in Christ. God hears us, forgives our sin and heals our land. Invest some time in reviewing 3. B. "God almighty, who reigns without equal in heaven no longer holds any of my confessed sin against me in Christ Jesus."
4. Homework check: Pastor Jon asked us to make a list with just one thing on that list. He asked us to identify the one area of our lives which most often contributes to tension, friction, arguments and anger. He asked us to bring that one thing before God and answer this: "What would it look like for me to believe and trust (seek) God with this one issue?" Are you willing to share that with us so we can join you in prayer?