

REVIVAL STEPS

SERMON NOTES



SUNDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER - 9AM & 5PM SERVICE

Desperation for God / 2 Chronicles 7:11-16



Strong Relationships – Central to Restoration

Pride Cripples our relationships and hides our need for God.

God doesn't allow our pride to stay unchallenged

- The Hard way
- The Easy way

We choose humility. Not a fruit.

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

Pride is, in many ways, the greatest challenge we will face. Pride hides all our other faults. It seeks to minimize sins in our own lives and always turns our attention to others' problems. Pride is the greatest camouflage of our human brokenness and ultimately masks our need for God. If spending time with God feels like a burden, or a chore, somewhere in the background, our pride is at work.

Q. How do small groups and life groups give a platform for us to deal with our pride?

Q. In what ways does pride prevent us from recognizing our need for God?

Why would it be wise to address our pride the easy way?

In our reading in 2 Chronicles, we see God working within Israel's circumstances in an extraordinary way – sending locusts, plagues and drought to bring Israel back to Himself. God is more concerned with our character than our comfort, which is a concept we can see through scripture time and time again. Is it possible that our focus in our prayers that God would "fix my problems" is actually working against what God is wanting to do? That he is actually allowing situations to bring our focus back to him?

How does this reality change the way we pray?