

REVIVAL STEPS

SERMON NOTES



SUNDAY 30TH OCTOBER

"Restore Our Love" / Rev 2:1-7



- It's important to listen to the right voice (v1)
- It's also important for a church to do what is right (v2-3)
- Just as it's important, we finish well (v5)
- But above all, it's most important that we seek God's heart (v4)
- Making it vitally important to respond to God's voice (v7)

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

How does Jesus identify himself as the one who has the authority over the church in this letter to those at Ephesus? How is v1 both a comfort and also a warning? What should be our response to the fact that Jesus “walks among” the churches?

Look at v2 -3. Would you say this is a good church – share in the group those things which they do well. How important are these things? Read Eph 1:15-16. What does Paul say about the church at Ephesus?

Sadly, they were no longer the church they were. Why is finishing well so important? Read v5, What is at risk here for this church and could that apply to us today? How do we make sure we finish well, both individually and as a church?

Verse 4 is Jesus coming straight to the point. Do you think the people would have been shocked by Jesus’ rebuke? I’m sure, as a church, they still acted in love to some degree. So what is the real problem here? Read 1 Corinthians 13: 1-7. What can we say about the importance of love? Why do you think we almost ignore the reality of this truth – if we don’t love, we don’t do anything at all that pleases God? What does “first love” look like?

If we have ears – we need to listen. Why is this so important? What do you think of when you read the phrase “tree of life” – is it more than just eternal life? In v7, it says, to the one who is victorious, or some versions say, to the one who overcomes. What is that we need to win over – what is the challenge we face and what is the risk if we fail? Why is restoring our love for God a key revival step?