

# Revitalization Sermons & Studies

## Priority of the Word

### Sermon 1 – Nehemiah 8.1-8

- Reading the Word requires attentiveness (v. 3)
- Appointed time and place (v. 4)
- Active listening requires a response (v. 6)

Pastoral Note: Preach and teach in such a way, people understand

### Sermon 2 – 2 Timothy 3.10-17

- Remain faithful to the teachings of the Word (v. 14)
- God's Word is trustworthy for life (v. 16)
- God's Word prepares you for service (v. 17)

## The 7 Churches of Revelation: Returning to the Lord

### Sermon 3 – Revelation 2.1-7 The Church at Ephesus

- More than just standing against evil... (vv. 2-3)
- ...but doing the work of the evangelist (c. 4)

### Sermon 4 – Revelation 2.8-11 The Church at Smyrna

- Suffering for Christ may be necessary (v. 10a)
- Faithfulness in all things leads to being lifted up for Christ (v. 10b)

### Sermon 5 – Revelation 2.12-17 The Church at Pergamum

- Permitting sin within the church causes harm to all (v. 14)
- Repentance of the body is necessary if God is going to use you (v. 16)

Pastoral Note: Address any divisions or disunity from the past

### Sermon 6 – Revelation 2.18-29 The Church at Thyatira

- The church cannot conform to the world (vv. 20-22)
- God knows the heart (v. 23b)

### Sermon 7 – Revelation 3.1-6 The Church at Sardis

- Doing good works without the Power of the Spirit is useless (vv. 1b-2)
- Focus on God's Word (v. 3)

### Sermon 8 – Revelation 3.7-13 The Church at Philadelphia

- Size does not matter, but God's power does (v. 8)
- Remain faithful to God's Word (v. 8)

### Sermon 9 – Revelation 3.14-22 The Church at Laodicea

- Be on first for Christ (vv. 15-16)
- Acknowledge your great need of God (v. 17)
- Accept God's discipline and live (vv. 19-20)

## **Listen to the Lord**

### **Sermon 10 – 2 Chronicles 7.14**

- Humble yourself before the Lord
- Pray to the Lord
- Turn from selfish ways
- Focus on the most High God

### **Sermon 11 – Acts 16.6-10**

- Be open to God's leading (vv. 6-9)
- Be faithful to follow through with what God leads you to do (v. 10)

## **Go and Do**

### **Sermon 12 – Matthew 28.18-20; Acts 1.8**

- Going requires action (v. 19)
- Doing is action (vv. 19-20)
- Teach about Jesus (vv. 19-20)

## **Growth of the Church**

### **Sermon 13 – Acts 2.42-47**

- When the prayers go up (v. 42)
- The power comes down (v. 43)
- The proclamation goes forth (v. 47b)

