

PROMISE KEEPER

Part 4. The Promise of Revival

- How do you feel about the idea of revival? Cynical? Excited? Never really thought about it?

Read 2 Chronicles 7 v 1 – 10.

- Mat reminded us that 'we want to look back at what God has done, in order to forwards with hope'. Do you think we often read the bible in this way? Do we expect to see what God has done in the bible in our lives now, or is it something that just happened then and remains then?

Read 2 Chronicles 7 v 11- 16.

- How do you feel about God's 'If... Then...' promises? (If we do something, then He will do something.)
- What often stops us from doing our part?

In the context of this promise, at this time, Mat said that 'Our Actions' were:

1. Humble Ourselves, 2. Pray and Seek God's face. 3. Turn from our Wicked Ways

- What do you think our community would look like/behave like/be like if we were doing all these things?
- How can we get better at doing each of these?

God then promises that in return He will:

1. Hear from heaven, 2. Forgive our sins, 3. Heal our land

Mat then shared some stories from the Welsh Revival in the early 1900s and what God's actions and outpouring of his spirit looked like. He mentioned that stories like this can often split us into 2 groups:

1. People who immediately want to start praying and are so excited to see it
2. People who feel sceptical about God moving and concentrate on their own efforts

- How did you feel about the stories? Which struck you the most?
- Which of the two groups do you most identify with? Why?
- How can we encourage each other in seeking God and staying hungry for Him to pour out his spirit on us and this earth?

Finish up by praying for one another. Pray for the Hub, that we are a place of humility, seeking God and repentance. Pray the same things for Metro as a faith community. Then finish up by praying for the wider church in our city and nation. Pray that God would inspire us to humble ourselves, seek His face and turn from compromise and sin. Pray that God brings revival that heals our land and brings God's Kingdom.