

# RECLAIMING GLORY

Lesson Notes & Questions | Chapter Four



## READING NOTES

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## REFLECTION QUESTIONS

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Over the decades many churches have developed an overreliance on programs and a lack of reliance on the power of the Holy Spirit to revitalize their church. While useful, a program will never bring repentance or cause us to cry out to God in desperate prayer. Revitalization begins with prayer and repentance, not a program. It continues as we seek to love Jesus more, we should also love one another more and love our community with a passion unequaled by any other group of people in our city. It means we change our priorities from focusing on ourselves to focusing on God and His mission. Consider these questions to help determine the readiness of your church to embrace such a challenge.

1. **If our church closed tomorrow, in what specific ways would our community be impacted by its closure? Would the unchurched in our community notice our church was gone? If not, what does that say about us?**

2. **How does the decision-making process in our church help or hinder our ability to respond quickly and fully to the needs in our community and opportunities for new ministry?**

**3. In what ways does our church equip and encourage our members to pray?  
How much time do we spend in prayer during our gathered worship services?  
Do we have a prayer strategy for our community? If not, how might that help us?**

**4. Describe a time when God clearly answered a recent prayer within your church body.**



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