

RENEW & RESOUND

PURSUING GOD'S VISION FOR A HEALTHY CHURCH



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PASTOR'S TOOLKIT

No one-size-fits-all solution exists for church revitalization and replanting. Every church and her context is unique. Yet, one component remains essential in every effort: spiritual renewal. Facilities, leadership, ministry, and a host of other issues may need to be addressed, but apart from a move of the Holy Spirit to renew the people of God through the power of the Gospel, we have no hope. Every church seeking to resound in fresh ways for God's glory and the good of their communities must begin by relying on the Lord to renew them spiritually and provide clarity for their future direction.

The Resound Renewal guide has been developed by pastors and DOMs across Missouri Baptist life for the sake of cultivating spiritual renewal and providing a picture of a healthy, renewed church. The following toolkit provides pastors with optional supplements to the 40-Day Devotional Journey.

- Sermon Series Plan
- Small Group Study Suggestions
- Partnership Prayer Strategy
- More Supplemental Options

Six-Week Sermon Series Plan

The following series follows the timeline of the 40 day guide.

1. **Vision & Commitment – The Hope of Renewal** - Eph. 1:3-6
2. **The Path of Renewal** - Revelation 2:1-7 - Focus on vv. 4-5
3. **The Target of Renewal – Identities** - 1 Peter 2:9-12
4. **The Target of Renewal – Foundations** - Acts 2:42-47
5. **The Target of Renewal – Structures** - Ephesians 4:1-24
6. **The Pursuit of Renewal** - 2 Chronicles 7:14

Twelve-Week Sermon Series Plan

The following series focuses on each aspect of the healthy church target to give more time to process the target as well as to intentionally pursue renewal. The 40 Day Guide could function as a part of an overall plan to pursue renewal during the series.

1. **Vision Sunday - The Hope of Renewal**
 - Ephesians 1:3-6
2. **The Path of Renewal**
 - Revelation 2:1-7 – Focus on vv. 4-5
3. **The Target of Renewal -- Identities: Worshipers**
 - 1 Peter 2:9-12
4. **The Target of Renewal -- Identities: Family**
 - Ephesians 2:11-22
5. **The Target of Renewal -- Identities: Missionaries**
 - 2 Cor. 5:11-21 or Matt. 28:18-20 or John 20:19-23
6. **The Target of Renewal -- Foundations: Gospel**
 - Colossians 2:6-7
7. **The Target of Renewal -- Foundations: Scripture**
 - 2 Timothy 3:16-17
8. **The Target of Renewal -- Foundations: Prayer**
 - Acts 2:42-47 & 4:23-31
9. **The Target of Renewal -- Structures: Leadership**
 - 1 Peter 5:1-5
10. **The Target of Renewal -- Structures: Membership**
 - 1 Corinthians 12:12-26
11. **The Target of Renewal – Structures: Discipleship**
 - 2 Timothy 2:1-7
12. **The Pursuit of Renewal**
 - 2 Chronicles 7:14

Small Group Study: *Flickering Lamps* by Henry Blackaby

Blackaby provides a great resource that provides hope and purpose for struggling churches. The book and video series are setup well for a six-week small group study.

Option 1: *Flickering Lamps* can serve as a great precursor to your renewal focus if you choose the six-week sermon series to coincide with the 40 Day Devotional Guide.

Option 2: If you choose the twelve-week sermon series, *Flickering Lamps* can serve as a community study that precedes or follows the use of the 40 Day Renewal Guide since both require six weeks.

[Find the book and video study here.](#)

Partnership Prayer Strategy

Partner with One Another

Challenge each member to partner with another to pray specifically for each other as well as the church.

Partner with Other Churches

Ask at least two other churches in your association to pray for your church during this season.

More Supplemental Options to Consider

Host a Solemn Assembly

Based upon the Old Testament practice, NAMB and Richard Owen Roberts have each put together resources to help lead your church in a focused gathering for confession, repentance and reconciliation. [Find them here](#)

Invite the Church to Fast

Whether you call the church to fast regularly throughout the process or over a specific day or two, invite them to join you in cultivating a hunger for the Lord and calling on Him for renewal with specificity.

Celebrate Together

Plan to wrap up your season of renewal with a special gathering to share testimonies of how God renewed individuals, to encourage one another, and thank God for how He worked in the church as a whole.