

The Renewal Conversation

A Coaching Tool



*And he went through Syria and Cilicia, **strengthening the churches...**
So the churches were **strengthened in the faith,**
and they **increased in numbers daily.***

- Acts 15:41 & 16:5

OVERVIEW

1. Connect with Them Personally
2. Cast Vision for Renewal
3. Challenge Them to Self-Assess
4. Coach Them toward Next Steps
5. Conclude with Encouragement, Prayer, and Follow-up

PART 1: CONNECT WITH THEM PERSONALLY

OVERVIEW

Care for the pastor/leader and gain an understanding of his context by listening well.

1. Discover his level of personal renewal
2. Discern the highs and lows of the ministry.

CONNECTION QUESTIONS

1. How are you really doing? Personally, Relationally, and Pastorally?

2. What wins in the church are you celebrating?
3. What challenges is your church facing?
4. How do you see God spreading renewal in the life of your church or community?

TRANSITION

- Would you be interested in considering how you and your church can be part of a movement of renewal in your community and beyond?

PART 2: CAST VISION FOR RENEWAL

OVERVIEW

Share your heart and hope for renewal scripturally and specifically.

1. Our heart is for every church to be renewed and always renewing.
2. Our hope is for a movement of churches resounding for God's glory and the good of communities.

****We highly recommend crafting a specific vision statement for what this looks like in your association.***

OUR REALITY

1. 1200 SBC Churches closed their doors in 2022.
2. 70-80% of Churches are in decline

Reach out to the Replant team for data and maps that highlight the reality in your area.

OUR HEART

1. The Glory of God & Strengthening Churches
2. The Great Commission & Strengthening Churches
3. Find stories of replanting in the resource folder.

OUR HOPE

Can you imagine a day when 70-80% of churches are healthy and thriving rather than merely surviving? If we are going to see that day, we need:

1. **Churches Needing Renewal** to explore their current reality and possible next steps for ongoing renewal.
2. **Churches Experiencing Renewal** to explore the value and next steps for supporting renewal.
3. **Churches Supporting Renewal** to explore the opportunities and next steps for multiplying renewal.
4. **Churches Multiplying Renewal** to share their stories and coach others toward supporting and multiplying renewal.

QUESTIONS

1. What do you love most about the vision for a renewal movement?
2. How can you imagine God launching this kind of movement in your context? What would be different as a result?

TRANSITION

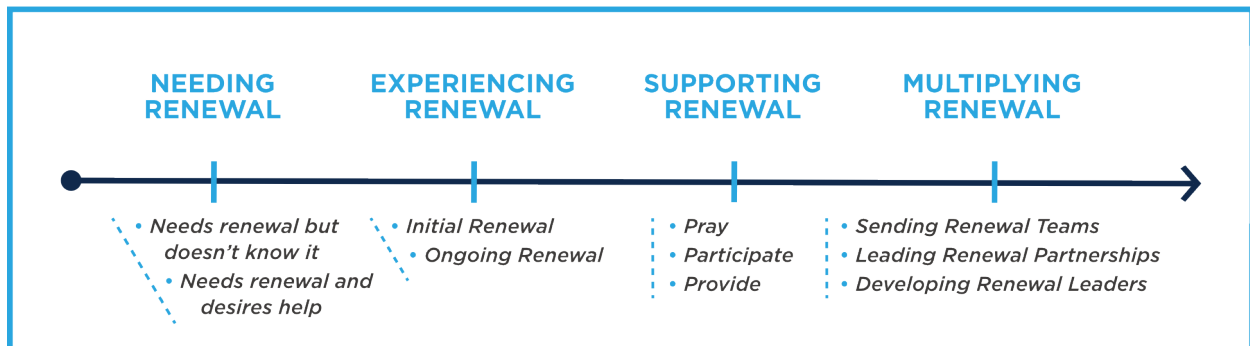
- Would you be interested in exploring how God has positioned your church to participate in this movement of renewal? (Exploration begins with self-assessment)

PART 3: CHALLENGE THEM TO SELF-ASSESS

OVERVIEW

Help him identify where his church is on the renewal spectrum.

REVIEW THE RENEWAL SPECTRUM



DISCUSS HIS SELF-ASSESSMENT

QUESTIONS

1. Where are on the renewal spectrum is your church currently?
2. Why did you place your church in that position on the spectrum? Why not one step to the right or one step to the left?
 - a. Seek specific evidence here
 - b. If the pastor's perspective seems to be out of line with reality, ask further questions to stir self-reflection and consider inviting them to look at their ACP trends or take a health assessment ([Resound Health Assessment](#)).

TRANSITION

- Based on your self-assessment, would you be interested in discovering your church's best next steps toward multiplying renewal?

PART 4: COACH THEM TOWARD NEXT STEPS

OVERVIEW

Help him discover how his church can take intentional steps toward multiplying Gospel renewal.

COACHING FOR RENEWAL:

1. Churches Needing Renewal

- a. Instill hope through Scripture and stories.
- b. Encourage them to begin pursuing spiritual renewal (i.e. study [Flickering Lamps](#) or [Renew and Resound Guide](#))
- c. Challenge them to engage a process of discovery as a church.
- d. Next Step: Engage the Associational Replant Process ([The AMS Handbook](#)) to discover their best next step toward renewal.

2. Churches Experiencing Renewal

- a. Celebrate the wins they are experiencing.

- b. Challenge them towards next steps.
- c. Discuss:
 - i. What do you believe are the top 2-3 priorities for your church to continue experiencing renewal?
 - ii. What obstacles are you needing to overcome?
 - iii. What resources do you need to take your next steps?
- d. Next Step: Clarify and pursue your next objective with your church.

3. Churches Experiencing Ongoing Renewal

- a. Share the stories of peer churches supporting or multiplying renewal ([Launching Renewal Stories](#))
- b. Share the [Supporting Church Replants](#) resource.
- c. Discuss:
 - i. What church(es) could you begin praying for?
 - ii. What people, gifts, or resources could your church provide to support the renewal of another church?
 - iii. Connect them with leaders who need encouragement and support.
- d. Next Step: Build a supporting partnership with a church needing renewal.

4. Churches Supporting Renewal

- a. Explore their partnership potential: ([Partnership Profile Tool](#))
- b. Curate the resources or tools they need.
- c. [Pathways to Partnership](#) by Bob Bickford & Mark Hallock
- d. Residency Development Tools ([Send Network Residency Guide](#))
- e. Connect them with leaders a few steps ahead of them
- f. Next Step: Build a team to (or raise up a replanter to) send to a church needing renewal.

5. Churches Multiplying Renewal

- a. Discuss what stories they could share to either instill hope in churches needing renewal or encourage others to support & multiply renewal.
- b. Brainstorm ways to encourage and coach other churches toward multiplying renewal.
- c. One possible way: Host a partnership Launch Gathering (**Pathways to Partnership Launch Gathering**).
- d. Next Step: Catalyze 2-3 churches to support or multiply renewal.

PART 5: CONCLUDE WITH ENCOURAGEMENT, PRAYER, AND FOLLOW-UP

