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REVITALIZATION FOR SMALL CHURCHES

What does it take to revitalize a church and what are the biggest hurdles standing in the way of the church right now?

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Welcome to CBOQ Now, Week 2! This past session, we discussed **Revitalization for Small Churches**: What does it take to revitalize a church and what are the biggest hurdles standing in the way of the church right now?

In case you missed it, you can [watch the recording here](#) and use this summary as a resource for next steps.

What is Revitalization?

- It's becoming something new or more—not mustering up more energy to do more.
- It's about discerning and intentionally joining in with what God is already doing.
- It's not just for small churches—every church needs to refocus from time to time.

What are the hurdles to revitalization?

- Seeing the need for it, being too comfortable and happy with the way it is. You have to admit the need for help.
- Standing still is a myth. When there's an emergency you need to take immediate action.
- Fear of change—it's like a house that needs a reno. Are you catering to people who are no longer there?
- Need to see with new eyes what we can't see because we have become familiar.

Now that we know there's an issue, what can we do about it?

- Start by loving what you have.
- Identify your hurdles; be prepared to go slow. Doing this with God can take years.
- Take a good look at your neighbourhood. What are the issues the community is dealing with? What are the needs around you?
- You can have revival without revitalization but you can't have revitalization without revival. Christ must be evident. Faithful disciple-making is key.
- We have to get out into the community until the community comes in.

QUESTIONS TO THINK ABOUT

- **What hurdles do you see in your church? Is there something you could be doing?**
- **Who in your church is thinking this way? Who is eager for revitalization?**
- **We might be doing good things, but are we doing the right thing?**
- **Are we in love with Jesus? Do we long for others to come to Jesus?**

Want more? Go to baptist.ca/revitalization!

SUMMARY

For revitalization to take place, you'll need to be intentional about what you become and what you do. It's a myth to think that because you attend the church faithfully you'll never need revitalization.

Are you committed to Christ and his mission in your context? What does that commitment look like? Especially in a COVID reality what worked before may not work now. You may need to change your methods while remaining true to the message. This is something we no longer need to do alone as you can join the [Revitalization for Small Churches](#) initiative and journey with other churches in our family towards renewal.

UPCOMING SESSIONS

LEADERSHIP THAT NAVIGATES
UNCHARTED WATERS
November 12, 10:00 am

How do you lead when you don't
know what's coming next?

SELF CARE ESSENTIALS

December 10, 10:00 am

How do pastors and leaders practice self care
when there are so many demands?

JOIN THE CONVERSATION

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