Revitalization: Leading the Local Church

Through Change

Revitalizing a local church will almost certainly mean leading the congregation through extensive and potentially painful change. You may meet with stiff resistance, and it will require great wisdom to determine what changes to make, how quickly to make them, and how to carry as many people with you as possible through the journey of change. Drawing on relevant Biblical teaching, insights from change management, and local church experience, we will consider the leadership skills needed to bring about successful change.

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1. **Revitalizing the Church - Leadership Lessons on Rebuilding from Nehemiah**
2. Identify the Problem (1v1-3)
3. Grieve over the present (1v4)
4. Pray (1v5-11; 2v4; 4v4-5; 13v22 &29)
5. Understand the obstacles (2v11-16)
6. Assess the Need
7. Adopt a Plan
8. Envision the people (2v17-20)
9. Deploy your Resources (3v1-22)
10. Resist Opposition (4v1-23; 6v1-19)
11. Seek Spiritual Renewal (8v1-9v37)
12. Celebrate what is Accomplished (12v27-47)

***Suggested Readings:***

John James, *Renewal*

Thom Rainer, *Autopsy of a Deceased Church*

Albert Mohler, *A Guide to Church Revitalisation*

Harry L Reeder, *From Embers to a Flame*