



## Things You Ought to Know Graduating with a Doctor of Ministry Degree in Church Revitalization

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As a doctoral student your journey into the field of church revitalization and renewal begins by the acquiring of strategic skill sets necessary for working in revitalization and renewal. The goal within these three laser focused seminars is to provide the student with not less than 50 newly acquired skill sets per each seminar for a total of more than 150 necessary tools which could be utilized as a leader, facilitator, and consultant in revitalization. Coupled with the books, audio/video resources, websites, and periodicals students will be required to read or review throughout the program, this is without a doubt the most comprehensive training in church revitalization available to the serious practitioner and student. Rub shoulders with the leading voices for revitalization throughout your academic journey, walk with those who are helping revitalize churches all across the world, and realize that you are not just getting a degree but are growing into a key leader of church revitalization and renewal. Find your voice, follow your spiritual yearning to assist churches, and become a force for church revitalization and renewal.

1. America and the Need for Church Revitalization
2. The Biblical Basics for Church Revitalization
3. The Ministry of Prayer in Church Revitalization!
4. Why Prayerlessness is Hurting the American Church
5. Understanding Your Churches "Ground Zero"!
6. The Emergence of a Single Solitary Leader for Revitalization
7. Lessons Learned the Hard Way in Church Renewal
8. The Seven Pillars of Church Revitalization and Renewal
9. The Nudge List in Church Revitalization
10. How to Find Prayer Intercessors for Renewal
11. The Emergence of a Solitary Key Leader for Revitalization
12. The Glass Ceiling in Revitalization
13. Leadership Characteristics that Bring Stagnation and Decline to the Local Church
14. Myths that are Just that in Church Revitalization!

15. Qualities of a Church Revitalization Leader!
16. Stuck in the 70's with No Place to Grow!
17. Factors that Bring Stagnation and Decline to the Local Church
18. The Leadership Role of a Revitalization Pastor
19. Skill Sets Needed for Pastors in Church Revitalization Efforts
20. Evangelism Approaches in Church Revitalization
21. Twelve Initial Church Revitalization Strategies
22. The Biblical and Theological) Foundation for Church Revitalization.
23. Practical Steps for Leading a Church Off the Plateau
24. Determine the Composition of the Church Revitalization Assistance Team
25. Igniting the Process of Change and Church Renewal!
26. Ten Revitalization Strategies for the Local Church: A Basic Model
27. Outreach Strategies Used in Church Renewal
28. Factors that Impede Church Revitalization
29. The Fly and the Fly Paper: How a Church Gets Unstuck
30. Breaking the 75 Barrier in Church Revitalization
31. Breaking the 125 Barrier in Church Revitalization
32. Stretching Over 200 in Church Revitalization
33. Climbing Past 400 in Church Revitalization
34. Breaking the 800 Barrier in Church Revitalization
35. Ten Biblical Keys to Church Revitalization
36. Eight Refocusing Question That Must Be Considered
37. Core Commitments of a Refocusing Leader
38. To Dream a Realistic Dream Again!
39. Get Your "Vital-mins": A Sick Church Just Will Not Grow
40. The Ten Stages of a Churches Life!
41. A Congregations Change Quotient
42. The Church Health Profile (Pre-Assessment Tool)
43. Skills Needed to Cross Revitalization Growth Barriers
44. Developing a Church Revitalization Ministry Plan
45. Steps to Developing a Prayer Ministry for Your Church
46. Four Barriers that Hinder Revitalization
47. Vision Casting in a Restart or Refocusing Launch
48. When a Restart Strategy is Your Only HOPE in Church Revitalization!
49. The Desired Outcomes of Church Re- Focusing
50. What it Takes to Get Unstuck!
51. Hope: A Church Revitalizer's Best Friend!
52. Assessing Your Own Leadership Skills
53. The Velcro Church: How to Help New Adherents Adhere Here!
54. The Teflon Church: Why Do Members Slide Right Out of Some Churches?
55. The Cost of Church Revitalization!
56. Building Relationships in Church Revitalization

57. Slaying the Dragons of Church Revitalization: Dealing with the Critical Issues that are Hurting Your Church!
58. Meaner than a Junk Yard Dog: Why it is Better to Enjoy Life and Your Family Rather than Be Held Hostage by a "Mean" Church!
59. Developing the Commitment of the Laity to Stay in Renewal: How to Become Part of Saving Your Church!
60. Low Morale the Single Greatest Challenge Which Can Hobble Any Church: Raising the Morale of the People of God
61. Reclaiming Inactive Church Members Utilizing the R.E.C.L.A.I.M. Strategy: The One Task to Not Be Eluded!
62. Shaking Up the Status Quo: Why the Younger Generation Will Not Stand for the Tame and Traditional Church!
63. Rebuilding a Great Team for Church Renewal
64. Steps to Turn Around the Plateaued Church
65. Survival Approaches in a Diminishing Community
66. Profile of a Church Revitalization Leader
67. Turnaround Efforts Work Best When...
68. Kicking It Up a Notch! Why Boldness is Necessary in Revitalization
69. Building Castles, Museums or Mission Frontiers! Learning to Think Frontier Over Fortress
70. Debunking the Excuses for Procrastinating in Revitalization
71. Timely Decisions in Church Revitalization
72. The Top 15 Mistakes of Church Revitalization Pastors
73. The Need for Personal Renewal in Church Revitalization
74. Formula for Developing Critical Mass in Church Revitalization
75. Stumbling Blocks to Revitalization
76. Should I Stay or Should I Go?
77. What Will Church Revitalization Look Like?
78. Funding Your Revitalization Vision
79. The Church Revitalizer's Plan for Personal Growth
80. Avoiding the "Zero – Sum" Game as a Revitalization Leader
81. Closing the Back Door to Assimilation
82. Churches that Can Not Keep Prospects & Members
83. Churches that Can Keep Prospects & Members
84. Understanding the Assimilation Zones for Renewal
85. Ten Critical Mistakes Ineffective Leadership Teams Make
86. Reasons Staff Are Hired in Smaller Churches
87. Dealing with Criticism as a Leader
88. Generating Buy-In as A Revitalization Pastor
89. Going to Additional Services in Your Church Renewal Effort: Doubling, Tripling or Quadrupling Your Churches Potential
90. Structuring Your Church to Grow and Not Plateau
91. Handling Stress in Your Ministry: That which you created and that which you did not!
92. Trusting Your Intuitive Instincts as the Revitalization Leader

93. Planning the First 100 Days as the New Revitalization Pastor
94. A Profile of a Church Pastor in Trouble
95. Six Tactical Mistakes Declining Churches Make
96. Little Things Mean a Lot in Church Revitalization
97. Remaining the Spiritual Leader of the Flock You Shepherd
98. Rocking Around the Clock for Your Christmas Eve Services: Don't miss this Strategic Day for Evangelism!
99. Stop Coasting and Start Challenging Your Church!
100. Dealing with Depression in Your Ministry
101. Eliminate the Distance Between You and Those Who Disagree with You
102. Leading During Hard Times Without Fallout
103. Skill Sets Considered Necessary for Church Revitalization Efforts
104. Seven Types of Influencers within Your Church!
105. Ten Characteristics of an Effective Revitalization Team
106. How to Manage the Conflict that Will Surface During Church Revitalization
107. Four Steps to Problem Solving in Church Renewal
108. Seven Tips in Working with Church Powerbrokers
109. Five Fears Church Revitalization Pastors Must Overcome
110. Why Vision Fatigue Can Stall Your Church!
111. The Foundations for Decline in Urban Churches
112. The Differences Between Growing Verses Dying Churches!
113. The Role of the Evangelist in Church Revitalization
114. Five Fatal Flaws of Feeble Leaders
115. Cashing in on Your KASH: How to Recognize When It's Time to GO!
116. Slip Sliding Away: Closing the Back Door to Assimilation
117. The Super Glue Church: How to Help New Believer's Stick Here!
118. The Greasy Church: Why Do Members Slide Right Out of Some Churches?
119. Significant Signs of a Healthy Revitalization Pastor
120. Are You Building Scaffolding or Foundations in Church Revitalization?
121. Three Things That Will Not Revitalize a Church!
122. Bonding to the Churches Past Glories in Revitalization!
123. Call the Church to Repentance and Set a Moving Forward from Here Date!
124. The Ministry of the Word in Church Revitalization!
125. Components that Encumber Church Revitalization
126. Three Types of Pastors in Church Revitalization
127. Equipping in the Smaller Church Revitalization Plan
128. Nine Survival Skills for Church Revitalization Leaders
129. Self-Destructive Leaders Will Hurt Your Church!
130. Nine Ways to Create Momentum for Church Revitalization
131. Why Some Larger Churches Don't Grow?
132. Why Some Smaller Churches Don't Grow?
133. The Church Revitalization Church Satisfaction Curve
134. Twenty-Five Ways the Laity Can Develop Any Church

135. The Church Revitalizer as Change Agent
136. The Nuts and Bolts of Church Revitalization
137. Preaching Towards Church Revitalization & Renewal
138. Why Today Really Matters as a Church Revitalizer?
139. Elements Most Critical for a Church to Turn Around!
140. Fast Facts for Busy Pastors: Why do we need revitalization?
141. Statistical Realities Concerning Church Revitalization!
142. Overcoming Obstacles in Church Revitalization
143. Renewing Vintage Churches Older than 40, They Need a Plan to Stay Fit!
144. Practical Tools for Re-Inventing the Dying Church
145. Battling Leadership Blind Spots
146. Change Happens! We Cannot Escape It!
147. Dealing with Abusive Laity in the Church
148. Dealing with Generational Separation in Church
149. Developing a Male Friendly Church: time to Man Up!
150. Revitalization Growth in a No Growth Town
151. How God Prepares a Church Revitalizer to Become a Change Agent
152. How to Have Revival in a Declining Church: Overcoming Decay in Our Churches
153. The Real Numbers that Matter in Church Renewal
154. The Dangers of Steeple Jacking in Church Revitalization
155. The Passive Aggressive Declining Church
156. Why a Good Ole Church Fight Breaks the Heart of God!
157. Some Habits That You Need to Ditch as a Church Revitalizer
158. Igniting the Process of Change and Church Renewal!
159. The Congregation Lifestyle Cycle
160. Surviving Clergy Burnout!
161. Lessons from a Lousy Church Revitalization Leader!
162. Assessing the Church for Revitalization Potential
163. Assessing the Pastor Leaders for Revitalization Success

The goal of seeking an advance degree within the field of church revitalization and renewal is to develop the capacity to work productively in the field as one assists churches for the task. Assessment, analysis, advancement, and application of strategic plans which can bring about both short-term and long-term renewal for individual churches, is a prerequisite for successful achievement of degree confirmation. Doctoral students will develop, through their academic journey, a series of tools, assessments, and methodologies which will serve them as a leader in the field of revitalization for a long time. Do not seek a mere degree, seek significance for the Kingdom in the renewing of plateaued and declining churches. The desire for our students is for them to become a strategic voice and practioner in the church revitalization arena.