

Infusing New Energy into Churches



Instructor Guide

Church Renewal Resource
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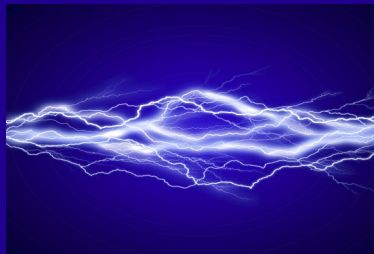
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Preparation Checklist

The following information will help you prepare to instruct this module.

- Review the material and make notes of specific areas for special emphasis.
- Check to ensure the following materials are available:
 - PowerPoint presentations
 - Participant booklet (copy as needed)
- Gather the following materials:
 - Pens and/or pencils
 - Other material you want to use
- Check the classroom for:
 - Projector
 - Sufficient number of tables and chairs for the participants
- Arrange the room so each church team sits around an individual table and you have ample room to move among the teams.

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Module-at-a-Glance

The table below identifies each module section, the time allotted for each section, and a brief description of the section's objective. When you are familiar with this module, you may want to teach from this page.

SECTION	TIME	PAGE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION
I. Introduction	5 mins.	P. 5	Introduce module, purpose, and objectives.
II. Lecture	20 mins.	P. 6	Presenter shares principles leading congregations to embrace possibilities for future ministry and enjoyable service.
III. Small Group discussion	25 mins.	P. 8	Participants discuss four questions in order to integrate and apply the information presented in the lecture.
IV. Action Planning/ Reporting	15 mins.	P. 8	Participants consider revisions to their congregational life in order to experience vitality.
V. Module Wrap-Up	5 mins.	P. 8	Close the module with your final comments regarding the topic.
Total Module Time: 70 mins.			



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I. Module Introduction

(5 minutes)

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Let the participants know the material is theirs to keep and encourage them to take notes.

- Purpose
- Objectives
- “Fill-in-the-blanks” for the lecture
- Application exercises

The purpose of this module is:

To infuse new vitality into a local congregation.

The objectives for this module are:

- Build trust among God’s people;
- Cultivate an atmosphere of openness to new possibilities;
- Expand outreach efforts.

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II. Lecture

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When weariness, disappointment, and discouragement settle into a congregation, members ask:

- What can we do?
- What needs to happen?
- How can we experience again the effective ministry we once had?

What factors provide congregations with vitality and renewal?

1. Trust-**BUILDING** through people-care
 - a. **MENDING** relationships
 - b. **FOSTERING** friendships
 - c. **ENCOURAGING** congregational base—affirm people who serve; spread joy; thank each other; support leadership.
 - d. **RECRUITING** volunteers for ministry
 - e. **MINISTERING** to orphans and widows (James 1:27).
 - f. **COMMUNICATING** consistently and openly.
2. **REVIEWING** a congregation's spiritual history and glory sharing
 - a. **EXPLORING** where God has been working through this particular congregation.
 - b. Interview faithful attendees to find the "Acts of the Holy Spirit" in this locale.
 - i. How has God been evident in recent times?
 - ii. How are people growing spiritually?
 - c. Give **PRAISE** to God in prayer.
 - d. What design (intentional plan) **REVEALS** how this congregation grows disciples?
 - e. How are leaders being trained and **RELEASED** into ministry?

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II. Lecture (cont.)

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3. **VIEWING** evangelistic effectiveness for future strategies
 - a. How did recent **NEWCOMERS** happen to worship for the first time?
 - b. Describe three conversions or baptisms observed by this church.
 - c. Who are the bringers (those who invite the unchurched)?
 - d. Describe the **WELCOME** offered by this congregation.
 - e. How many newcomers return and then are retained?
4. **SHARING** dreams and meeting needs
 - a. Usually the Spirit has **PLANTED** a dream in the hearts of local leaders.
 - b. When the dreams are unfurled, congregations tend to **GRAVITATE** to the possibilities.
 - c. When God's people tie together meeting needs in the community with the dream, excitement and unity result.
 - d. People tend to come together to do what God is **DIRECTING** them to do.
5. **APPRECIATING** leaders for horizon hunting
 - a. Dreamers **FLOURISH** when affirmed for seeing what others do not.
 - b. When faithfulness is rewarded, people are willing to risk and to venture forward.
 - c. Honor those who have served well.
 - d. New pathways become **APPARENT** when needs in the community are researched.

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III. Small Group Exercise

(25 Minutes)

What can you imagine the future to be?

Read 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10.

How would you describe the Thessalonian church?

Read 1 Thessalonians 2:1-16.

What kind of ministries grew out of the Thessalonian church?

IV. Action Planning/Reporting

(15 Minutes)

1. Arrange a service around testimonies of how God has worked in your congregation.
2. Write out a design for making disciples.
3. Discover the bringers (people who invite the unchurched) in your congregation.
4. Track the number of newcomers, returning family units, and people who have been retained over three months' time.
5. Describe a dream for your congregation.

V. Module Wrap-Up

(5 Minutes)

This section provides an opportunity to close the module.

End the module by praying together. Based on your group, you may want the entire group to pray together with different people leading, or you may want to instruct the participants to pray in their teams.

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