

# Church Revitalisation

A 10 Week Online Training Course  
Session Ten : outcomes of the process

# Overview of the process

## Get started

1. Create a sense of urgency
2. Assemble the revitalisation team and evaluate the church

## Decide what to do

3. Own the vision of a healthy church and develop a strategy for change

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## Start the movement

4. Communicate so that people understand and adhere to the vision
5. Give others the power to act
6. Produce short-term gains
7. Persevere

## Lasting change

8. Create a new culture

# Possible outcomes

- The church starts a process of revitalisation (often with outside support and mentoring)
- Ditto but with a new pastor
  
- A larger, healthy Church partners to support and help the struggling Church in practical ways.

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- The church refuses to change and remains substantially the same
- The church dies well (for example, celebrating everything that the Church has accomplished, finding another church that can accommodate the few remaining members, selling the property to finance a purchase for a new church-plant)
- The church closes temporarily in order to reopen with new leaders, with a different approach.
- The church changes premises, even its location, to start again on a new basis.

## A culture of on-going change

Never lose sight of

- The mission of your church (the reason it exists where it does)
- The values of your church

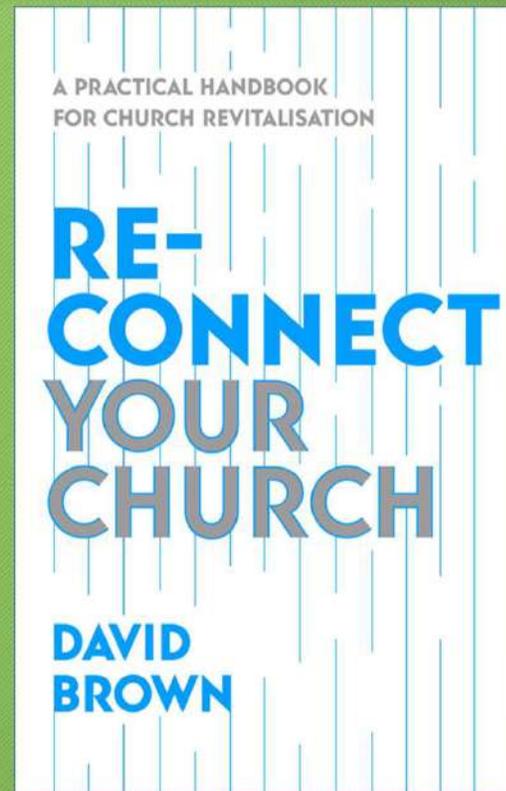
But continually evaluate whether the church is helping members

- to grow spiritually in today's world
- to reach out with the Gospel to people around them.

This implies

- ❖ Deciding what things can be done intentionally
- ❖ What things can only be committed to God in prayer

# Resources



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- The ELF Church Revitalisation Network
- The ELF Year Round Mentoring programme
- The Church Revitalisation Network website [revitalisation.fr](http://revitalisation.fr)
- The quarterly network newsletter *Revitalisation News*

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