

Church Revitalisation

A 10 Week Online Training Course
Session Three : the Vision of a Healthy Church

Revitalisation = a healthy church

A healthy church is centred on the Gospel.

It is a group of redeemed Christians who are learning

- to love God
- to love people
- in their cultural context

In other words, revitalisation = **reconnecting** your church

“Redeemed Christians”

The centrality of the Gospel

Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the Gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Peter and then to the Twelve
(1 Corinthians 15.1-5)

A three dimensional approach to building a healthy church

1. The spiritual dimension (loving God)
2. The social dimension (loving others)
3. The societal dimension (in its cultural context)

Revival is usually seen as just individual and spiritual



A HEALTHY CHURCH



centred on
the gospel



where Christians learn :

- to love God
- to love others



within its
cultural context

These features are valid for both
aspects of a local church



GATHERED CHURCH



SCATTERED CHURCH

Organised events

MAIN
CHARACTERISTIC

Personal initiatives

Edification and training events for church members.

- Services
- Small group meetings
- Discipleship

+ **Outreach events**

Doing good and sharing the gospel in these 4 relational networks :

- Family
- Place of work or study
- Local community
- Leisure time / friends

Attractional church

EVANGELISM

Missional church