



Renewal Church

“There was not a needy person among them...” Acts 4:34

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Awake!

“It’s important for us to know that much of American Christianity we take for granted today is subnormal. Churches here and there are growing with the power of God on them. But as a whole, American Christianity is drifting into historic inconsequentiality. And yet we seem to be satisfied with our condition. We feel little urgency and longing. We are hardly aware of our mediocrity.” Ray Ortlund Jr. 2005

Most American christians have a “style of living very unlike the spiritually vibrant mission station described at the end of Acts 2. The ‘ultimate concern’ of most church members is not [the kingdom of God], but rather survival and success in their secular vocation. The church is a spoke on the wheel of life connected to the secular hub. It is a departmental sub concern, not the organizing center of all other concerns.” Richard Lovelace, 1979

“Your people are tired, anxious and living with chronic uncertainty.”



What if...?



**Four Strategic Moves: Our new,
operating ecclesiology:**





Strategic Move #1:

Create Apostolic APEST Equipping Team

The Four Functions of the Team

- Hear and Trust the Voice of Jesus
 - Elder the Body (Overseeing, Teaching, Shepherding)
 - Take Responsibility for the Poor Among Them
 - Multiply Leaders, Elders & Churches
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Strategic Move #2:

Mobilize Deacons

Unleash the Deacons Acts 6 Style:

- **Seven deacons** to focus on Serving The Poor (Find 7 people full of the Spirit and task them to organize and assist each Outpost to effectively minister to the poor in its context)
 - a. Short term Strategies:
 - b. Long-Term Strategies:



Strategic Move #3

Pray Daily for Revival at 8:56 (Psalm 85:6)



Strategic Move #4:

“Re-Size” Discipleship Environments

***“Shrink your world,
overlap your lives.”***



Re-Size Discipleship Environments

1. **Divine Space: Leading Yourself to Ongoing Personal Renewal**
 - Size: One person
 - *“Personal renewal precedes corporate renewal.”*
 - *This will activate the priesthood*
 2. **Heart Space: DNA**
 3. **Family Space: “Discipleship Cores” within each single Missional Outpost**
 - Size: 5-9 people
 - *“Shrink your world, overlap your lives.”*
 - *“Maximize the Minimum.”*
 4. **Missional Space: Merge MC’s into 4 Missional Outposts by Geography**
 - Size: 20-70 people
 - Mission: Care the Poor
 - *“Do for a few what you wish you could for the many.”*
 - *Gather for Worship/Online Gathering Only When Needed*
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Budget

Cut budget in half by end of Q3, down to \$155,000

- \$15,500 gift to Soma and Church Planters (10%)
- \$50,000 Equipper No. 1: Raise support/Tent-make for the balance
- \$50,000 Equipper No. 2: Raise support/Tent-make for the balance
- \$30,000 to Part Time Staff Worship: Raise support/Tent-make for the balance
 - Focus: Immediately begin to equip four worship teams who can lead the liturgy and worship at the Gatherings in each Outpost
- \$9,500 (Admin/Insurance)

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- Sell things like Acts 2-5 *“There was not a needy person among them...”* Acts 5:34
 - Fast one day a week and donate one seventh of their family’s food budget
 - Ask for help from other churches not in a “Hot Spot”
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Spiritual Emphasis

1. Sundays
 - GOD, Revival & you (Isaiah 56-66)
 - Flourishing at Home
 - *Maximize The Minimum*, Flourishing in Exile (OT Study)
 2. Trainings: Prayer Course 24/7; Leading Yourself to Personal Ongoing Renewal
 3. Disciple Core: Sayers' Re-appearing Church Study
 4. DNA: Voice of the Heart Bible Study
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**Shrink your world,
Overlap your lives...**

**Expand your VISION,
Expect God to surprise!**
