
Selected Church Revitalization Bibliography

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Here is a list of church revitalization books that I recommend:

***There's Hope for Your Church* by Gary McIntosh**

- This is my all-round favourite church revitalization book.

***Re:Vision* by Aubrey Malphurs and Gordon Penfold**

- One of my top five favourites on church revitalization.

***Autopsy of a Deceased Church* by Thom Rainer**

- An excellent yet short book that will help you assess your church's health and recognize signs of sickness.

***Direct Hit* by Paul Borden**

- Another one of my top five books on church revitalization. I studied under Paul Borden at Denver Seminary.

***Make or Break Your Church in 365 Days* by Paul Borden**

- Chapter 3 is especially helpful with a list of things to do when you start in a new church.

***Comeback Churches* by Ed Stetzer and Mike Dodson**

- Lessons learned in a study of 300 churches that experienced revitalization.

***Every Pastor's First 180 Days* by Charles Stone**

- A book about onboarding filled with practical Revitalization and Leadership Principles

***Revitalize* by Andrew Davis**

- A thoughtful book that emphasizes spiritual dynamics in revitalization.

***Winning on Purpose* by John Kaiser**

- An insightful book on church governance that presents the Accountable Leadership Model.

***Taking Your Church to the Next Level* by Gary McIntosh**

- Covers church lifecycles and how your church size impacts how it functions.

***Growing God's Church* by Gary McIntosh**

- An important evangelism study that reveals how people come to faith in Christ. His basic conclusion is that conversation with family and friends is the most common way people come to faith. This simple result has important implications for church revitalization and evangelism.

***Center Church* by Timothy Keller**

- A long but important book about being an effective church in the city.